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SINCE the publication of the Paper now referred to, 217 cases of real or imaginary disease of the uterus have come under my observation—197 being private patients—in which the speculum had been employed. Written histories, containing all the details of these cases, have been preserved, which I have condensed into a tabular form, and are now presented to the Society.

Of these 217 patients, 36 were unmarried, and 55 were married, but barren. Of the above 91 cases, the greater number were women suffering from hysteria, leucorrhœa, dysmenorrhœa, or some nervous affection of the uterus,

without inflammation, ulceration, or any structural disease or displacement of the organ. In none, had the symptoms been permanently relieved by cauterizing the uterus; through the speculum; and in some, they were aggravated by the treatment pursued. Of the 36 unmarried patients, who had undergone longer or shorter courses of treatment, with the speculum and caustic, and had the parts injured, it appears from the Table that, there were only two above 40 years of age: that there were a number under 30: two under 20; and that one, who had long been subjected to this treatment, barely completed her eighteenth year.

Of the 55 married but sterile women, it likewise appears that, their ages varied from 22 to 54, and that some organic disease existed in several, who had been subjected to this mode of treatment after their 48th year.

In a considerable number of these 217 cases, cancerous disease of the uterus and vagina existed; the frequent employment of the speculum and caustic being in every instance followed by an increase of pain and hemorrhage. In one, death from loss of blood speedily followed the use of the speculum, employed by a practitioner who met me in consultation. In most of these cases of cancer, the nature of the disease must have been wholly misunderstood; and the ulceration supposed simple, which was in reality malignant, and beyond the reach of all remedies.

In several marked cases contained in this Table, ovarian and uterine tumours existed, or diseases of the parts at the entrance to the vagina, which had been entirely overlooked! but were immediately detected by the ordinary methods of investigation.

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
1	— 1850	Married.	36	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Dysmenorrhœa and leucorrhœa since the birth of youngest child, fifteen years before. In October examined with speculum: Ulceration of os uteri stated to be present; leeches applied, then caustic every fourth day for ten weeks; afterwards at longer intervals. A new action then said to be set up in the part; symptoms aggravated; tonics; injections of zinc and alum; tepid hip-baths. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri felt soft, smooth, and swollen; a little hardness on the inner surface of the cervix; a small red patch on the anterior lip, near the left side, seen through the speculum; not elevated or depressed; did not bleed on pressure; no ulceration nor cicatrix visible.</p>
2	— 1850	Married three years; barren.	32	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Leucorrhœa; pain in the groins; prostration of strength; hysteria. A great variety of remedies employed with temporary benefit. About Christmas, examined with speculum, and “a considerable ulcer of os uteri” said to exist. Lunar caustic applied weekly through the speculum during two months; bougies then employed to dilate os uteri; sterility not removed, nor symptoms; since has had constant pain around the left ilium. <i>Present State.</i>—Uterus lower than natural; os soft, and smooth; unusually open and tender; no ulceration nor cicatrix.</p>
3	— 1850	Single.	42	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Painful hemorrhoidal tumours; torpid state of liver, stomach, and bowels; inability to walk. Uterus examined: said to be retroverted, and various metallic instruments used without relief; stricture of rectum afterwards said to exist, for the relief of which bougies employed, which excited great pain. Speculum then used, and os uteri said to be largely ulcerated, and body enlarged, and pressing on the rectum. Caustic recommended, but not allowed. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri red, slightly excoriated; body enlarged; health broken.</p>
4	— 1850	Single.	28	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Hysteria; pain of right groin; restlessness and sleeplessness at night; leucorrhœa. Had sustained an injury a year before, and was some time confined to bed. Examined with speculum, and os uteri said to be ulcerated. Speculum and caustic used three times every week during five months; then reported to be “cured,” but all the symptoms returned in an aggravated form. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri and body of uterus in a perfectly healthy state; no cicatrix.</p>
5	— 1850	Married; barren.	29	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Leucorrhœa. Went to an hospital, where the house surgeon examined with speculum, and stated that there was ulceration of the os uteri and cervix; speculum and caustic employed every Tuesday and Friday during two months. This was invariably followed by pain and hemorrhage, “so that she could not walk home;” symptoms aggravated. <i>Present State.</i>—The uterus, both without and with the speculum, appeared perfectly healthy.</p>

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6	— 1850	Single.	30	<i>Previous History.</i> —Hysteria, dysmenorrhœa, and leucorrhœa for ten years; pain in the right knee, back, and right side. Examined with speculum, and inflammation of uterus said to exist. Twelve leeches externally; steel, wine, warm hip-baths, without relief. Uterus again examined with speculum, when “engorgement and ulceration” were stated to be present. During five weeks speculum and caustic frequently used; symptoms not relieved; injections; treatment continued; catamenia irregular; “ulcers of the womb, enlargement and adhesion,” then said to exist; an operation of some sort performed, which was followed by hemorrhage; no benefit. <i>Present State.</i> —Examined both by the touch and sight, and found the uterus healthy.
7	— 1850	Married; barren.	36	<i>Previous History.</i> —Menorrhagia, with sensation of fulness and weight about the uterus for several years. Twelve months ago examined with speculum, when ulceration was said to exist; caustic applied; afterwards pregnancy suspected. <i>Present State.</i> —A hard tumour is now felt in hypogastrium; body of uterus enlarged and indurated; neck shortened; posterior lip red, like a raspberry, and when pressed with speculum, blood oozed out; no ulcer or cicatrix.
8	— 1850	Married.	50	<i>Previous History.</i> —Swelling of the abdomen; irregularity of the catamenia, and some symptoms of pregnancy. Uterus examined, found healthy, and in the unimpregnated state; then informed that a few days before the patient had been examined with the speculum, and informed that there “was an ulcer in her womb the size of half a crown; and that, if not immediately attended to, it would soon end in cancer.” Three months’ treatment with speculum and caustic, it was said, would be required for the cure of this ulcer. <i>Present State.</i> —Examined os uteri with speculum: both lips were unusually red, but no ulcer to be seen; health subsequently perfectly restored without speculum and caustic.
9	— 1850	Single.	30	<i>Previous History.</i> —Leucorrhœa four months after delivery of first child; excoriation of external parts and constant pain. Examined with speculum, and fissures of os uteri said to be detected; lunar caustic applied with apparent benefit; discharge returned; pregnancy again took place before the treatment had been completed; safely delivered of a second child; discharge again took place. Examined with speculum, and cauterized without relief. Four months ago again examined with speculum, and ulceration said to exist. Potassa fusa severely applied; sloughing followed. <i>Present State.</i> —Os uteri hard, rough, and irregular; discharge profuse; in constant pain; health deeply injured by the treatment.

10	Unmarried.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Till eight years before, had enjoyed good health; some violence then committed upon her; has since been delivered of a child, and leading an irregular life; reported to have profuse discharge. Her medical attendant had examined with the speculum, and stated to me in consultation that there was a great ulcer of the os uteri. <i>Present State.</i>—No symptom of uterine disease; os and cervix uteri without and with speculum apparently healthy. The practitioner, who supposed that he had seen an ulcer, again examined with the speculum, and freely admitted on the occasion that no ulcer existed, and that he had been deceived by appearances.</p>
11	Married; barren.	29	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Dysmenorrhœa, leucorrhœa, irritability of uterus. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri low down, soft, and smooth; body lying upon the rectum. Being informed that the patient would not be satisfied with an ordinary examination, the speculum was employed at the request of her medical attendant, who met me in consultation; and who was disposed, from the symptoms, to believe that ulceration might exist: os uteri red, but healthy.</p>
12	Married; barren eight years.	32	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Inflammation of the uterus and its appendages nine years ago, after the delivery of her first and only child. Attacks of pain during the last four years in the right side of hypogastrium; a year ago pain increased, and extended down the lower extremity, and over the whole abdomen; catamenia scanty and irregular; the speculum and caustic employed twice a week for two months, and then once a week during the last two months. <i>Present State.</i>—Now worse than when the treatment commenced; uterus in the natural situation; anterior lip projects unusually; a fissure on the right side; os open; lips red; no ulceration; symptoms not relieved.</p>
13	Married; barren.	31	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Dysmenorrhœa, leucorrhœa; general health good, but inability to walk. Two months ago, speculum used, and caustic applied to the anterior lip, which was said to be redder than natural. Application of caustic, followed by a red discharge. <i>Present State.</i>—Dysmenorrhœa not relieved; os uteri red; a Nabothian gland enlarged on right side; anterior lip irregular, as if injured.</p>
14	Married; barren.	26	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—An inflammatory attack about the uterus soon after marriage; afterwards dysmenorrhœa and leucorrhœa. Twelve months ago examined with speculum: os uteri said to be ulcerated, and had caustic applied, and took Tinct. Guaiac. Ammoniat.; six leeches afterwards applied to os uteri; speculum and caustic since frequently employed, followed by great faintness and pain. Before the caustic was used, no pain except at the monthly periods; since then has had constant uneasiness, and has been unable to stand or walk. <i>Present State.</i>—Leucorrhœa greater than ever; anterior lip soft and spongy; whole os red, swollen, and irregular; viscid white fluid escaping from os uteri; no blood flowed from os when pressed with speculum; no benefit from treatment.</p>

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15	— 1850	Married; barren.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Inflammation of uterus eight years ago, three months after marriage; dysmenorrhœa since. Two years ago examined with speculum, and informed that the uterus was inflamed, but not ulcerated; that there was a fibrous deposit in the "uterine tissue." Leeches repeatedly to os uteri; no benefit; hysterical fits; pain in the back and thighs: 1st Jan. examined with the speculum, who declared, that ulceration of cervix and os existed; speculum frequently used, and nitric acid applied; intense pain; this practice continued four months; symptoms not relieved; then treated by a homœopathist. <i>Present State.</i>—Os red, swollen, open; not ulcerated; white, viscid discharge; irritable and capricious.</p>
16	— 1850	Married; barren.	38	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia irregular; married twenty years; prolapsus uteri seven years after. Examined by a practitioner in Paris with speculum, and cauterized five times, which caused great pain; injections and baths. Uterus afterwards said to be retroverted; profuse leucorrhœa. <i>Present State.</i>—Os feels thick, soft, and puffy. An attempt to introduce the speculum produced intense pain; uterus enlarged, in all probability from the presence of a fibrous tumour in its posterior wall.</p>
17	— 1850	Married.	22	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Great mental distress; almost constant pain in the back and hypogastrium, and left groin; sense of bearing down; profuse leucorrhœa. Her medical attendant, in consultation, said "all the symptoms of ulceration are present in this case to repletion." <i>Present State.</i>—We examined with the speculum, when it appeared that the os uteri was in the most healthy condition; the lips pale, not swollen, os very little open; cervix felt neither elongated nor thickened; uterus a little lower than natural; white viscid fluid escaping from the os; nervous, miserable, and depressed. Recovered under proper constitutional treatment.</p>
18	— 1850	Married; five children.	40	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Since the birth of youngest child has resided long within the tropics. Catamenia every three weeks; hysterical; leucorrhœa since the birth of youngest child, five years ago; twelve months ago lost the power of walking from pain in the sacrum. Examined with speculum, and os uteri reported to be red and swollen, especially anterior lip; scarification employed; symptoms not relieved; returned to West Indies; symptoms aggravated; came back to England. Examined with speculum: os uteri in the same condition. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri of a dusky red colour, and swollen, especially anterior lip, apparently ready to burst; a copious viscid secretion flowing through os, not purulent; vagina red and swollen; no ulceration; leeches repeatedly applied; lunar caustic, then Liq. Plumb. Diacet., by means of a sponge tube; Bichloride of Mercury externally; no benefit.</p>

19	— 1850	Single.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Hysteria; inability to walk; pain of back, for which leeches and blisters were applied; dysmenorrhœa; leucorrhœa during twelve months. Examined with speculum, and os and cervix uteri said to be inflamed and ulcerated. During seven weeks speculum and caustic frequently used, without benefit. After an interval, the same method of treatment again had recourse to, upwards of twenty times, without relief. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri soft and smooth, lips small; cervix not enlarged or indurated, no ulceration, nor trace of cicatrix; vagina swollen; profuse leucorrhœa; violent uterine excitement, resulting from the long-continued use of speculum and caustic.</p>
20	— 1850	Married.	34	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Suffered long from headache and feeling of confusion; loss of sight and intellectual power; aversion to her children; “ideas of self-destruction;” sleepless nights; a sensation of a thread in her mouth. Twelve months’ treatment with speculum and caustic; felt better as long as she remained on the couch; as soon as she began to move about symptoms returned. Five weeks ago examined with the speculum at Malvern, and the report was, “that the ulceration was not cured,” and that the uterus was displaced; the practitioner stated further, that there was “a large lump in the neck of the womb;” lunar caustic twice applied through the speculum. On being informed that the strongest caustic was required, the patient left Malvern. <i>Present State.</i>—Body of uterus inclined forward; anterior lip swollen; no pus or blood brought away with the finger; a fissure on the left side, very irregular, and feeling ragged; little pain on examination; anterior lip seen swollen, but not vascular; posterior rough and irregular at the margin, but not ulcerated; did not bleed when probed.</p>
21	— 1850	Single.	23	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Was in good health four years ago. In June last year seized with pain in the head, back, loins, almost from head to foot; catamenia then regular; not hysterical. At Norwich was ordered a shower-bath, medicine, an issue in the arm, and leeches to the head and side; nine weeks this treatment pursued without relief; then had blisters to the chest and stomach, and a variety of medicines during three months; subsequently three months under the care of a physician, who prescribed other remedies without relief; then consulted a practitioner, who examined with the speculum, and said there was inflammation of the neck of the womb. The speculum and caustic were employed seven times; had no leucorrhœa before the caustic was applied; has had a discharge ever since, but less pain at the monthly periods. <i>Present State,</i> eighteen months after this treatment. —Catamenia regular; trifling leucorrhœa after; os uteri small, smooth, cervix in the most natural state; no disease or displacement of uterus; the hymen broken up; vagina contracted; palpitation, faintness; pains in the eyes; flushes of heat; dyspnœa; pain in back and loins when she walks.</p>

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22	— 1850	Single.	25	<i>Previous History.</i> —Delicate in early life; indigestion; urticaria; pain of the back, and almost total inability to walk; catamenia regular, profuse, and accompanied with pain; tonics, sea air, and bathing prescribed, two years ago, without much advantage; was informed that the "ligaments of the womb were relaxed, and that there was nervous irritability of the organ;" no leucorrhœa; seven months treated homœopathically, with apparent benefit. <i>Present State.</i> —Has been persuaded by a friend that she has ulceration of the womb, and urged to place herself under the care of Dr. ——. Examined without speculum, and found the uterus in the most healthy condition. With difficulty persuaded her that the speculum was not required; that she had no ulceration of the uterus, but succeeded in doing so. Since restored to health, and happily married.
23	— 1850	Married.	24	<i>Previous History.</i> —Has made several voyages to the East, and resided between the tropics. Since the birth of her youngest child, two years ago, has had leucorrhœa. Was treated, in Liverpool, with caustic, for ulceration of the os uteri. Last week, a practitioner examined with the speculum, and "found the os in a vascular congested state." Was six months under treatment, with speculum and caustic; repeatedly scarified; symptoms not relieved. <i>Present State.</i> —Uterus low down, not retroverted nor displaced in any way; lips of os uteri tumid, but not hard or irregular; no ulcer or cicatrix; cervix more voluminous than natural, and the body also enlarged, the whole moveable; pain of hypogastrium; hysterical.
24	— 1850	Married.	38	<i>Previous History.</i> —About a year ago, lost a child, which produced great mental distress. Since, has suffered from pain of the hypogastrium; sense of burning and itching in the vagina and uterus. Several months under the care of a practitioner, who frequently employed the speculum and caustic, without the least benefit. Went to Edinburgh, and was there told she had retroversion of the uterus, and that "if she remained there some months would be thoroughly cured." An attempt being made to introduce a metallic ring and prong into the vagina, was alarmed, and speedily re-crossed the Tweed. <i>Present State.</i> —Uterus in the natural situation; lips red and swollen; cervix and body exquisitely painful when touched; constant suffering from sense of heat and pain internally.
25	— 1850	Single.	36	<i>Previous History.</i> —Had long suffered from dysmenorrhœa. Persuaded by a practitioner, in April last, to have bougies of different sizes passed through the os and cervix uteri. This was done thirteen times, each time the speculum having been previously introduced into the vagina, which gave "terrible pain;" the use of the bougies was followed by profuse menorrhagia and leucorrhœa.

Another practitioner was then consulted, who examined with the speculum, and declared "the os and cervix uteri to be extensively ulcerated." The speculum was afterwards used fifteen times, and the parts cauterized. *Present State*.—Now wholly confined to her couch; health ruined; profuse menorrhagia. Uterus examined by the sense of touch, and no disease or displacement detected. Vagina widely dilated. Hymen gone.

Previous History.—Menstruation irregular. Severe nervous disorder, which commenced with the insanity and death of her husband. At times, decided hysterical attacks. Had consulted a practitioner, who had examined with the speculum, declared ulceration to exist, and had employed caustic through the speculum many times without any advantage. Consulted several other practitioners, one of whom thought she had diabetes, the others, irritability of the uterus. *Present State*.—Great derangement of the nervous system, bordering on mania; the os, cervix, and body of uterus in a perfectly healthy state; extreme tenderness on pressure around the cervix.

Previous History.—Has had several children and miscarriages. Profuse menstruation six years, and leucorrhœa; pain in the back, and inability to walk; hemorrhoids four years; scrofulous diathesis. Has undergone a long course of treatment with the speculum and caustic, without the slightest benefit. *Present State*.—Anterior lip of os uteri thickened, posterior healthy; several Nabothian glands enlarged; no ulceration to be seen, nor cicatrix.

Previous History.—Has had three children, and has suffered severely in each pregnancy; pain in the back, and inability to walk, since the last confinement, in 1844. Then examined with the speculum, and told the womb was ulcerated. Nitrate of silver applied through the speculum, repeated leeching, without benefit. *Present State*.—Uterus lower than natural; os uteri swollen, red, not ulcerated; glands enlarged; a yellowish viscid discharge escapes in large quantities from the os; no disease of the cervix detected; body of uterus not felt enlarged.

Previous History.—Two children, the younger nine years old. Five months ago began to suffer from bearing down, and pain extending along the thighs and calves of the legs; continued violent pain in the region of the uterus; catamenia ceased in January, after which had leucorrhœa, and swelling of the hypogastrium. Was examined with the speculum, but not cauterized. *Present State*.—Uterus now in its natural situation, enlarged on the right side; os irregular; two fissures; some redness within the orifice, a clear viscid fluid escaping from it; hypogastrium distended, but no fluid or solid tumour detected; great tenderness in the region of the liver.

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30	— 1850	Married.	about 35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Had one child twelve years since. Before this confinement, had abscess about the parts while pregnant, which repeatedly broke and gathered again. Some years since, consulted a surgeon about the affection, and from that time till eight months ago it has given little trouble. Then consulted Dr. —, who examined with the speculum, and applied caustic to the os uteri seven times through the speculum; complaint aggravated; and since, there have been attacks of inflammation and suppuration. <i>Present State.</i>—Os and cervix uteri healthy; the inner surface of the left nympha red and swollen; a small round aperture on the outside, through which a probe was passed into a sinus in the interior of the nympha.</p>
31	— 1850	Married.	47	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Long subject to leucorrhœa; during two years, menstruation more frequent than usual; general debility. Since April, hardly ever free from coloured discharge, and has had more pain extending down the thighs; irritation of the bladder; walls of vagina hard and contracted. <i>Present State.</i>—Great hardness, irregularity, and ulceration of the whole lower part of the uterus; the lips and neck confounded together; a bloody, fetid discharge, as in cases of ulcerated carcinoma of the uterus. At the request of her medical attendant, employed the speculum, and saw a bloody, irregular, ulcerated surface: the nature of the disease ascertained before the speculum was used in this case.</p>
32	— 1850	Married; barren.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married three years; soon after, dyspepsia, and irregular menstruation; leucorrhœa during two years. In May, examined with speculum, and informed that there was congestion of uterus, and leeches were applied repeatedly, then lunar caustic through the speculum every six days during two months. For a time felt better, but symptoms returned. <i>Present State.</i>—Pain of abdomen; indigestion; leucorrhœa; os uteri small, smooth, and pointed; cervix slender; no ulceration or disease, except a slight abrasion from the caustic recently applied.</p>
33	— 1850	Married.	Middle.	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Twelve months ago, not long after her marriage, became extremely nervous, and was alarmed, from uneasy sensations about the uterus, that she had cancer. Consulted a homœopathist, who examined with the speculum, and applied caustic many times. Pregnancy took place, and she was delivered with instruments after a protracted labour, of a dead child. <i>Present State.</i>—A favorable recovery. Uterus perfectly healthy.</p>

34	— 1850	Married; barren.	Ditto.	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married eight years. Violent hysteria in early life. Four years ago went to Paris, and was examined with speculum, and informed that she was labouring under inflammation of the uterus, and that a long course of treatment would be required. The Revolution occurring, came to London, and consulted a practitioner, who examined with the speculum, “who said it was a clear case that there was great ulceration of the cervix, and that she must immediately put herself under surgical treatment. Caustic applied three times a week for months, occasionally leeches.” This treatment lasted from September till May, when “she was reduced to a skeleton.” Potassa fusa afterwards applied, which made her much worse. All local treatment abandoned. <i>Present State.</i>—No disease, or displacement of uterus.</p>
35	— 1850	Married; barren.	48	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Menorrhagia for many years; uterus large and hard, in all probability from the presence of a fibrous tumour in the walls. For a time appeared to derive benefit from the mineral waters of Germany. Since, has suffered from pain in back; nausea, and there have been attacks of profuse menorrhagia. Recently examined by a practitioner in London, with the speculum, informed that there is ulceration of the os and cervix uteri, and has been cauterized seven times through the speculum. <i>Present State.</i>—Uterus large and hard; no ulceration or cicatrix.</p>
36	— 1850.	Married; barren.	26	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—In delicate health before her marriage. Tumours, probably ovarian, in the hypogastrum, first observed twelve months ago; they have not increased, and are not painful; catamenia regular, but painful. Two years ago, examined with the speculum, by a practitioner in a provincial town. The speculum and caustic employed every week for three months, followed by great weakness, and “discharge of slime;” distressing irritation about the rectum and bladder. <i>Present State.</i>—Leucorrhœa; sensation of constant heat and pain about the uterus; os uteri smooth, and regular; since the caustic was applied, has never been free from heat and irritation of parts; tumour stationary.</p>
37	— 1850	Married; barren.	50	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—In 1848, uneasiness about the uterus, and discharge from the vagina; after some time, a small vascular tumour seen growing through the os uteri, believed to be of a malignant nature. Soothing treatment recommended. Returned into the country. Speculum occasionally employed; tumour seen slowly increasing. In November, 1848, the tumour being as large as a walnut, consulted a practitioner, who used the speculum, and recommended the application of Potassa fusa; tumour enlarged, and filled the vagina; afterwards, repeatedly destroyed with Potassa fusa; grew again, and proved fatal.</p>

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38	— 1850	Married.	37	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia have entirely disappeared during six months; emaciation gradually going on without any obvious cause. Twelve months ago, examined with the speculum, and ulceration of the cervix uteri said to exist. Confined three months wholly to her couch, and two months since, had the uterus frequently rubbed with nitrate of silver. Her health then rapidly declined, and has never since recovered. <i>Present State.</i>—Fancies herself <i>enceinte</i>, but she is not; no enlargement, nor hardness of abdomen; uterus neither diseased nor displaced; os smooth; orifice a little open; no hardness; body a little larger than ordinary; rapid pulse; gradually sank.</p>
39	— 1850	Married; four children.	34	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Three miscarriages. Catamenia regular; great pains in the breasts, across the back; has an idea that she has an aneurism. Has been examined, and informed that she has retroversion of the uterus, and was persuaded to try to have passed into the vagina a metallic ring and prong; wore it six weeks, and then it became intolerable; great pain in the uterus ever since, and profuse discharge. Then examined with speculum, and underwent a long course of cauterizing. In severe suffering ever since. <i>Present State.</i>—Uterus low down; os open; enlarged glands; slight irregularity and hardness. June, 1851—No change.</p>
40	— 1850	Single.	23	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Ill during six years, owing it was supposed to riding on horseback. Catamenia regular, but painful; frequent desire to relieve the bladder; fits of hysteria; constant headache; "sense of pressure on the top of the brain." Examined with speculum, and caustic frequently applied; violent uterine excitement followed, and immoral habits, which rendered her miserable. <i>Present State.</i>—No organic uterine disease.</p>
41	— 1850	Married.	26	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Two years ago, went overland to India, during her first pregnancy, and then made a journey of 400 miles into the interior. Prolapsus uteri followed delivery. A few months after, having leucorrhœa, was examined with the speculum, and ulceration of the neck of the uterus was said to exist; and during eight months, she was cauterized every third day, and the os uteri frequently scarified and leeches. Her health dreadfully injured by the long confinement and the treatment, and there was almost constant pain. Arrived in London, two days ago, having had inflammation of the lungs during the voyage. <i>Present State.</i>—Leucorrhœa continues; os uteri hard and irregular; lips apparently partially destroyed; body not diseased. Gradually restored to health.</p>

42	— 1850	Married; barren.	32	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married seven years before. Catamenia regular, but painful; general health good, but hysterical. Soon after her marriage, had pains in the groin and region of the uterus. Was examined with the speculum: declared to have ulceration, and underwent a long course of treatment with caustic and leeches, without any benefit. During the last three years, fits of hysteria; giddiness, and confusion; dimness of vision; sleepless; irritation of bladder; violent pains in the back, and at times between the shoulders. To remove the sterility, bougies were passed into the os uteri for some months, without any good effect. Examined with speculum, by a third practitioner in London, who applied caustic to the os once a week for two months; no relief. Examined with speculum, by a fourth London practitioner, and caustic was applied three times a week for “months and months.” A fifth practitioner consulted, who stated that “there were four bars across the mouth of the womb, which must be dilated.” <i>Present State.</i>—Protopus uteri; os and cervix healthy, but forced unusually low in the pelvis.</p>
43	— 1850	Married.	36	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Some accident during her first labour. In the interval of three years between the birth of her second and third children, was under the care of two physicians, in London, who employed the speculum and caustic frequently during many months. Three hundred leeches were also used externally, by which her strength was greatly reduced; gradually was restored to health, but relapsed, and “again went through the same mode of treatment at intervals.” Last delivery took place six years ago, since then has been suffering “from violent sickness and spasm; hysteria; palpitation of the heart, exhaustion,” and inability to walk. Mercurial suppositories twice weekly; croton oil rubbed externally. <i>Present State.</i>—In a state of great debility; swelling of feet and ankles; palpitation of heart; profuse leucorrhœa; unfit for any duty in life. No disease of uterus detected. The health of this patient was in time completely restored by rational constitutional treatment.</p>
44	— 1850	Married.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married four years. Profuse leucorrhœa soon after took place. Consulted a practitioner, who declared it to be of a specific nature. A second declared it was not. Was seven months under his care, and had the speculum and caustic frequently used, “which made her very ill.” Great tenderness of vagina. <i>Present State.</i>—Vagina contracted, so much that a small bougie was introduced with great difficulty, and caused much pain. In the course of three months the complete dilatation was safely effected by bougies; pregnancy took place, and the delivery was natural.</p>

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45	— 1851	Married.	40	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Three children. Profuse menstruation since the last delivery, sixteen years ago; congestion of the brain; weakness of the stomach, and general debility; left ovary supposed to be diseased; “uterus retroverted or rather anteverted.” Ricord’s speculum employed, which “gives great and lasting pain.” “A tumour in the fore wall or surface of the organ.” “A great quantity of baths, mixed with sea-salt and salt of Kreuznach;” no benefit. “Iron, quinine, diluted sulphuric and muriatic acids, and phosphorus and opium, without relief; and mercury, iodine and secale cornutum.” Injections with Liq. Hydr. <i>Present State.</i>—Os and cervix uteri perfectly healthy, lying far back in the pelvis; a large, hard, fibro-cartilaginous tumour in the anterior wall of the uterus.</p>
46	— 1851	Married; barren.	23	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married three years and a half. Two years has been treated for “inflammation of the os and cervix uteri;” “leeches applied several times with little benefit, and blistering and cupping the lumbar region; bougies, poppy-head decoction and other injections, suppositories, aperients, hip-baths, &c., abstinence.” Hysteria; menstruation profuse and painful, and irregular; pain when the urine is passed, and it is clear; severe headaches; constipation; bad appetite; pain, and a burning sensation in the back; flatulence; swelling of abdomen; leucorrhœa. Has been examined with the speculum, and frequently cauterized and scarified. Ulceration said to exist. <i>Present State.</i>—Suffering from hysteria, in its most marked forms; os and cervix uteri perfectly healthy, no displacement, smooth, not swollen, nor hotter nor more tender than usual.</p>
47	— 1851	Married.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Four children; suckled the last too long; great weakness; bearing down; catamenia not regular; violent pains in the back and lions; pain of the shoulders; “dreadfully nervous,” and anxious on her husband’s account; sense of suffocation, and ball in the throat; discharge from uterus, like treacle, between the monthly periods; irritation about the bladder. Examined with the speculum, by a London practitioner, and has had caustic used extensively. Ulceration of os and cervix uteri said to exist. No better. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri seen red, swollen, not ulcerated; anterior lip somewhat irregular;—no tendency to any organic disease.</p>
48	— 1851	Married; barren.	33	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married at nineteen; ever since has suffered from sense of scalding pain about the bladder; in the hypogastrum and back; and unable to walk. A London practitioner saw her twice every week during seven years. Was examined with the speculum: declared to have ulceration of the os and cervix, which was cauterized many times; since, has had a yellow discharge. At each</p>

monthly period confined to bed. No benefit derived from this treatment, which has been repeated by another practitioner, with leeching, &c. *Present State*.—Swelling of ankles; digestion bad; constant sense of pressure upon the head; extremely nervous and miserable, and useless for all good purposes; only comfortable after she has taken a blue pill and a black draught; vagina very contracted, and tender; uterus not displaced; os open: lips sound; no disease of organ.

Previous History.—Dangerous attacks of uterine hemorrhage during her confinements. "The hemorrhage said to proceed from the inner surface of the uterus, and the only effectual remedy, cauterization." "Subsequent ulceration of the anterior lip of the mouth of the womb." 26th Aug., looks extremely well; catamenia last period not excessive, and without pain; anterior lip of os uteri smooth, swollen, and harder than natural; posterior lip thin, and irregular; no ulceration of either lip; caustic had been applied more than twenty times.

Previous History.—One child three years since. Leucorrhœa six months after, and violent pain in the hypogastric region and back. Mercury, to salivation; tinct. of iodine applied to the os uteri through the speculum three times every week during four months. "Has not benefited in the least degree by the treatment." *Present State*.—Os uteri seen swollen, and red on the inside, not usually open; a copious thick discharge escaping from the orifice; no trace of any ulceration, which was said to exist, and no cicatrix visible.

Previous History.—Married two years. Catamenia regular, with great pain in the back; great mental anxiety from a Chancery suit. Examined with speculum: os and cervix uteri declared to be ulcerated, and caustic applied. *Present State*.—Complains of burning heat all over the left side of the lower part of abdomen, which often feels swollen; vagina contracted and tender; no disease of uterus detected.

Previous History.—One child about three years ago, afterwards had leucorrhœa. Consulted a practitioner, who made an examination with the speculum, ulceration reported to exist, and cauterization employed during two months; leucorrhœa ceased. *Present State*.—The discharge has reappeared very profusely, "in fact, is quite as ill as she was before the caustic through the speculum was used;" catamenia have disappeared three months; veins of legs swollen; uterus enlarged from pregnancy. The delivery took place at the beginning of October, suckled her child, and restored to good health.

Previous History.—Occasional profuse sanguineous discharges from the uterus, at other times leucorrhœa; is reported to have had "engorgement of the uterus." *Present State*.—Uterus large and hard, from the presence of a fibrous tumour in its walls. A London practitioner was afterwards consulted, who examined with the speculum.

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54	— 1851	Married; barren.	28	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married two years. Pain in the back and sides; loss of strength. In October last, examined at Edinburgh, with the speculum, and informed that “the cause of her sufferings was a small ulcer on the neck of the womb,” and “blue ointment pessaries were recommended,” one of which was introduced daily. Afterwards informed by the same practitioner, that her complaint was “a small fibrous tumour in the neck of the womb.” Got worse under the treatment. <i>Present State.</i>—In London, examined with the speculum and without. No disease detected; since restored to perfect health; and was lately delivered of a healthy infant.</p>
55	— 1851	Married.	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Several children, the youngest twelve years. Catamenia regular, till last Jan.; at times, for some years, leucorrhœa, more profuse, and sometimes red coloured during the last seven months; loss of strength; no pain. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri now open; lips irregular; nodulated feel of the inner surface of the posterior lip; the commencement of fungoid cancer, a long course of severe cauterization carried on by the practitioner through the speculum. Nature of disease wholly misunderstood. Death with great sufferings some time after.</p>
56	— 1851	Single.	38	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Had suffered long from nervous weakness, and inability to walk. July, 1849, was examined with the speculum, at New York, and repeatedly cauterized. On returning to London, consulted a practitioner, who stated, after using the speculum, that there was prolapsus and retroversio uteri; the prone posture was recommended, and observed during nine months. Twelve months ago, ceased to lie with her face to the ground; and was declared to be quite cured. Soon after, began to suffer from headache, lowness of spirits, and “lost the power of walking in public, in private she could walk like other people.” Then consulted a somnambulist-mesmerist, who declared there was disease both of the uterus and spine. <i>Present State.</i>—Uterus healthy, but suffering from hysteria, &c. &c.</p>
57	— 1851	Married.	43	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Three children. An abortion ten months ago, followed by menorrhagia; health long delicate; attacks of vomiting of blood. Examined with speculum, by a practitioner, in London, two months ago: ulceration of the os uteri said to exist; cauterized once. <i>Present State.</i>—Considerable discharge of blood from the uterus; irregular action of the heart; anterior lip of os uteri swollen; several glands slightly enlarged; a fissure seen on the left side; no ulceration or abrasion; the posterior lip red, and slightly swollen.</p>

58	Single.	1851	18	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—For some time had suffered from hysteria, nervous weakness, inability to walk, dysmenorrhœa, and leucorrhœa. Was persuaded to consult a London practitioner. When examined: engorgement and ulceration of the cervix reported to be present. The usual treatment followed, and was often “touched with caustic.” During twelve months she lay upon the couch and read novels. <i>Present State.</i>—No disease or displacement of the uterine organs. Relatives state “her character is totally changed, that she is completely vitiated, and that after being long in the hands of this practitioner, she could not be got out again, being so infatuated with the affair.” There was every reason to believe the correctness of these statements, as also to conclude that, the frequent and long continued use of the speculum and caustic had occasioned a demoralizing effect, as it was acknowledged to have produced upon other patients, whose cases are comprehended in this Table.</p>
59	Married; five children.	1851	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Five children, the youngest four months old. The labour protracted and preternatural; followed by hemorrhage; great debility. Went to Malvern, and was treated homœopathically and hydropathically, but did not regain her strength. Then examined with speculum, and told there was ulceration of the uterus; and was frequently cauterized. Leucorrhœa and great pain followed this; fever, and peculiar nervous depression; sleeplessness. <i>Present State.</i>—Nervous, and in danger of mania. Within the orifice a little redness seen. No ulceration nor organic disease of any kind detected.</p>
60	Single.	1851	About 30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—“For some time past has suffered from great debility, languor, and dysmenorrhœa” Tonics given without benefit. “Came under the care of another medical man, who considered that she had ulceration of the os uteri, and treated her with caustic.” “This I have considered uncalled for,” said her ordinary medical attendant. <i>Present State.</i>—Dysmenorrhœa, leucorrhœa, diminished; is fickle and changeable; at times suffers great debility; appetite good; functions and general appearance healthy; os uteri remarkably small, soft, and smooth; orifice closed, as usual, in those who have not had children.</p>
61	Married.	1851	47	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Three children, the youngest eighteen years of age. After each labour the bones at the symphysis pubis are reported to have become “disunited, and she was not able to walk.” Still occasionally feels stiffness there. Catamenia regular. A year ago great enlargement of the abdomen took place, with sense of dragging and bearing down pain. Uterus has never appeared externally. In March last a ring pessary passed, which could not be worn. Then examined with speculum, and ulceration said to exist; repeatedly cauterized without any benefit. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri open; an enlargement felt between uterus and rectum.</p>

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62	— 1851	Married; barren.	23	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married two and a half years; in good general health, but strumous; catamenia regular; pain in the back; and leucorrhœa, especially after excitement. Her husband's sister, who has long been treated with the speculum and caustic, has endeavoured to persuade her that she has "an ulcer of the womb." <i>Present State.</i> —No displacement or organic disease of the uterus, which is very small; the orifice smooth, and the lips healthy.
63	— 1851	Single.	30	<i>Previous History.</i> —Catamenia painful and scanty since the age of sixteen. Several years under the care of a medical practitioner, and treated for liver disease. Four years under homœopathic treatment in the country. Two years consulted a London physician, who examined her with the speculum, and said there was ulceration of the uterus. "Leeches applied every week, and caustic a great many times;" hysterical. <i>Present State.</i> —"Nervous system shaken;" leucorrhœa between the monthly periods; severe headaches; palpitation of the heart; soreness of the chest; ankles swell at night; "dreadful feeling of bearing down about the womb;" feeling of swelling about the back; heat and pain; thinks she has derived benefit from the treatment; still very ill; vagina, os, and cervix uteri in the most healthy condition; numerous boils around the external parts.
64	— 1851	Married; barren.	Under 30	<i>Previous History.</i> —Hysterical fourteen years, and ill during the whole of that time from supposed inflammation of the bladder. Scalding in passing urine, and great aching before and after; throbbing in the epigastrium; catamenia regular, but very profuse. During nine years has been under the care of a London physician for "inflammation and ulceration of the womb." Leeches applied many times. "I cannot tell the number of times the speculum has been used, and the caustic." <i>Present State.</i> —No displacement or organic disease of the uterus detected. Her husband suffers from stricture, and has recently undergone an operation.
65	— 1851	Married; barren.	26	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married nine months; hysterical; spasms in the hypogastric region; pain about the uterus; leeches were applied externally without relief; decided antiphlogistic treatment. Feb. Uterus examined by touch, and said to be enlarged; soon after, the speculum was employed; inflammation said to be present; and leeches applied to the os, which bled profusely, "attended with much relief." Scarifications also employed; "neck of uterus said to be tumid, red, inflamed, and tender." Calomel, opium, iodide of potassium, used for several months, and iron. <i>Present State.</i> —Excitement and exertion still bring on violent pain about the uterus. Os and cervix uteri perfectly healthy; but there is hardness and enlargement of the body of the uterus. 8th May, 1852. This enlargement now chiefly on the right side. Hysterical symptoms aggravated.

66	1851	Married.	37	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Youngest child six years of age. Sense of burning pain and heat about the uterus. Leucorrhœa during the last two years; and swelling of the extremities. Catamenia regular. Loss of strength and flesh during the last eleven months. Has been under the care of a provincial practitioner, who has often employed the speculum, caustic, and leeches; and who has assured her there is ulceration of the womb. Kept almost entirely in the horizontal position. General health greatly impaired. Has also been treated hydropathically. <i>Present State.</i>—Vagina sound; no displacement of uterus; thickening and redness of the posterior lip of the os; no ulceration; os open, very tender; a copious cream-coloured discharge seen escaping from the orifice.</p>
67	1851	Married twice.	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Four children; great mental distress after the death of her first husband; second marriage fifteen months since; afterwards neuralgia and debility. Feb. 1851. Examined with speculum by a physician in London, and cauterized; “profuse bleeding followed this, and became much worse,” “constant discharge,” with hysterical symptoms; pains about the shoulders; and palpitation of the heart. In May the ulceration was said to be cured; alum injections and sea-bathing. <i>Present State.</i>—Complains of headache, of pain and irritation about the uterus and thighs, and right iliac region, with exhaustion; profuse leucorrhœa; anterior lip of os uteri large, soft, smooth; no ulceration or trace of cicatrix; posterior lip irregular, but not hard; a profuse, viscid, yellowish discharge proceeding from interior of uterus.</p>
68	1851	Married seventeen years.	38	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Ten children and two miscarriages. Since the last miscarriage, in delicate health; and has suffered from dragging pain in the back and loins, leucorrhœa, and occasional uterine hemorrhages. Three years last February, three months after her confinement, examined, in a provincial town, with the speculum, when it was stated “that an ulcer of the mouth of the womb” existed, and on the verge of cancer. In the recumbent position till November; the speculum and caustic employed twice a week from April till November; health greatly injured. <i>Present State.</i>—Glands of cervix uteri enlarged; no ulceration or other disease detected.</p>
69	1851	Married.	24	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Three children, the youngest seven months old. Great leucorrhœal discharge has followed each delivery, not greater after the last than the previous confinements; has suckled her child to the present time; examined by a practitioner with the speculum five weeks since; caustic repeatedly applied. <i>Present State.</i>—General health pretty good; has no pain about the back or groins, or sense of bearing down; the leucorrhœa still continues, but less; by the sense of touch, no hardness, or irregularity, or swelling of the os and cervix uteri detected; no blood escapes through the os though pressed with the finger; os uteri seen unusually red, but not ulcerated or abraded.</p>

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70	— 1851	Married.	28	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Six children; profuse leucorrhœa since the birth of the first, nine years ago; leucorrhœa has continued ever since, not only after her confinements, but during every pregnancy; her last child born two months ago; has since been led to suspect the existence of ulceration of the uterus; consulted to determine the fact, and requested to examine with and without the speculum.</p> <p><i>Present State.</i>—Voice hoarse; cough, but no thoracic disease; vagina extremely relaxed, like a bag, without any contractility; uterus not displaced; os smooth, not swollen; cervix and body natural; os seen small, smooth, rather more pale than natural.</p>
71	— 1851	Married.	32	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Five children; a miscarriage six months ago; sense of bearing down about the uterus during the last two years, recently much aggravated: various remedies employed; strength impaired; at one period leucorrhœa; three years since examined with speculum, and cauterized; thinks she was better after, but symptoms have again returned. <i>Present State.</i>—Pain in back continues; no disease or displacement of uterus detected.</p>
72	— 1851	Married; barren.	Middle	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Ten years married to her first husband, and never pregnant; four years to her second husband, and sterile; bougies passed by a practitioner into the os uteri; inflammation followed, and an abscess about the external parts; examined, by another practitioner, with the speculum; engorgement, and ulceration of the os and cervix uteri declared to exist, and the speculum, caustic, and leeches applied at short intervals during a whole year. <i>Present State.</i>—Health grievously injured; no disease of os or cervix uteri; abscess and fistulous opening in labium, relieved by operation.</p>
73	— 1851	Married.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Three children, in India. Has ceased suckling her youngest child six weeks, and had abundance of milk. In delicate health since the birth of this child, and unable to walk. Examined with speculum at Calcutta, and said, by the practitioner, to have ulceration of the cervix uteri. Caustic and leeches frequently applied, without relief. Compelled to return to England.</p> <p><i>Present State.</i>—Orifice of vagina exquisitely tender; the orifice red and slightly swollen; great pain produced by the introduction of the smallest speculum. Os uteri red, not much swollen, not ulcerated; a copious cream-coloured discharge.</p>
74	— 1851	Single.	58	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia ceased eight years ago. Afterwards had continual pain about the uterus. Examined with the speculum, and informed that she had cancer of the uterus. Caustic frequently applied, which it was said would check, though it would not cure, the disease. Since May last, great pain and aching of the thighs and legs, and pain across the lower part of the stomach and</p>

back. *Present State*.—Unable to get rest without medicine; bilious but no regular attacks of sickness and vomiting; no discharge from the vagina; no pain nor difficulty in passing the urine; no disease whatever of the uterus; a great mass of painful hemorrhoidal tumours; nitric acid applied to these. 11th Feb., 1852. Is much better in all respects.

Previous History.—One child, three years old. Procentia uteri took place, for the relief of which the metallic instrument called “the impaling uterine machine,” was introduced into the vagina. Violent pain and inflammation speedily followed. Pain and purulent discharge afterwards took place. Afterwards examined with speculum, and frequently cauterized, and had leeches applied. *Present State*.—Catamenia regular; a deposit of adipose matter in the walls of the abdomen; uterus lower down than natural; perfectly healthy; hysterical tympanites; great indigestion.

Previous History.—Seven children, youngest ten years old. During nine months, pain of the abdomen, extending down the right side under the liver. Constant desire to pass the urine; sickness at stomach. In April examined with the speculum, informed that inflammation and ulceration of the os and cervix uteri existed. Caustic and leeches frequently applied. *Present State*.—A tumour of no great size, situated in the pelvis behind the uterus, adhering to it and the rectum; os uteri irregular, but not hard; no ulceration or cicatrization.

Previous History.—Married at the age of 21; an abortion three years after; syphilis from her husband; seven years ago was delivered of a dead child, and has never been well since; dysmenorrhœa, leucorrhœa. Three years ago was examined with speculum, and told “she had ulceration of the womb.” Speculum and caustic employed every fifth day for three months, then sea-bathing; symptoms not relieved; caustic frequently applied several months longer; its application usually followed by hemorrhage. In 1850, disease said to be cured, but symptoms remained; a third course of speculum and caustic treatment; symptoms aggravated. *Present State*.—Health deeply injured; no uterine disease. 1854, general health greatly improved; no symptoms of uterine disease.

Previous History.—Married fourteen years; suffered from uterine inflammation in the puerperal state nine years ago; since attacks of menorrhagia; a succession of abscesses about the parts; leucorrhœa; hysteria. Examined with speculum two years ago, and told that she had “ulceration of the os.” Speculum and caustic used nineteen times. The discharges afterwards for a time decreased, but returned in an aggravated degree. *Present State*.—All the functions healthy; uterus slightly prolapsed; vagina remarkably tender; anterior lip of os uteri thick, spongy, and red, not ulcerated nor cicatrized; Nabothian glands enlarged; no enlargement or induration of body or cervix.

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79	— 1852	Married; barren.	36	<i>Previous History.</i> —Has suffered many years from pain and various morbid sensations about the uterus; irregular and painful menstruation and profuse leucorrhœa; the ordinary sensibility of the uterine system totally wanting. To remove the sterility, and relieve these symptoms, dilatation of the os and cervix uteri, with bougies, without relief. A long course of treatment with the speculum and caustic since tried, without any good effect. <i>Present State.</i> —Sterility continues, and all the symptoms; no organic disease of uterus detected.
80	— 1852	Married; barren.	24	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married four years; soon after began to suffer from hysteria, with pain in the left side of the hypogastric region, extending down the left thigh. Examined with the speculum, and declared to have ovaritis on the left side; leeches applied, and a great variety of medicines taken without relief; catamenia profuse and painful. Examined with the speculum by another practitioner, and a suspicion expressed that the os uteri was ulcerated. <i>Present State.</i> —Catamenia profuse and painful; no enlargement or hardness of abdomen; great superficial tenderness between the umbilicus and ilium on left side; os uteri small, soft, and smooth; body not enlarged; slightly inclined forward; no tumour within pelvis; no ovarian disease detected.
81	— 1852	Married; barren.	56	<i>Previous History.</i> —Had a discharge from the vagina the previous year, and was out of health; went to Malvern, and was treated hydropathically during three or four months; the uterus then examined with and without the speculum, and the existence of ulceration “ascertained;” caustic was used for a time, combined with packing with wet napkins, with apparent advantage; at Christmas, placed herself under the care of a physician in Loudon, who employed the speculum and caustic, sometimes thrice weekly, and prescribed the internal use of arsenic and iron. The symptoms then were chiefly pain and red discharge, and these were uniformly aggravated by the treatment. <i>Present State.</i> —Ulcerated carcinoma of the os and cervix uteri and vagina, in an advanced stage.
82	— 1852	Single.	28	<i>Previous History.</i> —Hysterical fits; catamenia irregular, painful, and scanty; has occasionally lost the use of her limbs, and has at times been in danger of losing her reason; uterus often examined with speculum, and caustic applied. It is stated, that she has been in the habit of applying caustic herself to the uterus through the speculum. <i>Present State.</i> —No disease of uterus detected to justify such proceedings.
83	— 1852	Married.	24	<i>Previous History.</i> —Three premature confinements; catamenia regular; profuse leucorrhœa since the first delivery; ulceration of uterus reported to exist; speculum and caustic used, but not often;

84	— 1852	Single.	26	no benefit whatever. <i>Present State</i> .—Feeling of bearing down; pain in the right iliac region; uterus low down, near the orifice of the vagina; os open; lips soft; a fissure on the left side; a dark red appearance seen through the speculum within the orifice of the uterus, but no ulceration.
				<i>Previous History</i> .—Without mother or sisters, and under no proper control; has suffered from hysteria in every form for several years, and irritation and excitement about the uterus. Two years ago a physician examined her with the speculum, and reported that ulceration existed; long-continued use of speculum and caustic, this done without the knowledge of her father, or any of her relatives; symptoms not relieved; went and consulted another practitioner, under whose care she remained a whole year, and was frequently speculumized and cauterized. A third practitioner, according to her statement, adopted the same treatment some time after. <i>Present State</i> .—Hysterical and slightly maniacal; refused to examine the uterus either with or without the speculum; recommended moral treatment; 1855 in a wretched state of mental distress.
85	— 1852	Married.	52	<i>Previous History</i> .—Seven children; age of the youngest 18; always delicate; three years ago excessive menorrhagia; a small polypus detected with the finger, and removed; speculum and caustic afterwards employed every fourth day, and then at longer intervals. Seven months ago got into bad health, and had a mucous discharge; body of uterus then thought to be enlarged, and leeches repeatedly applied to the orifice; several floodings since the removal of the polypus. <i>Present State</i> .—Ankles swollen; pain in the region of the right kidney; frequent sense of bearing down; tongue furred; no appetite; impaired health and strength; os uteri smooth and closed; body of uterus not enlarged, moveable in the pelvis; no displacement.
86	— 1852	Married; several children.	48	<i>Previous History</i> .—Has had a numerous family, and enjoyed good health till six months ago, then seized with pain in the back and hypogastrium; shooting down the nerves of the thighs, and about the groins; the appetite had failed, but there was no actual sickness; three months ago a flooding took place, which continued fourteen days, and then ceased. Examined with the speculum, and a favorable report given. <i>Present State</i> .—Profuse serous discharge; pain not acute about the back; both lips of os uteri affected with fungoid cancer.
87	— 1852	Married.	55	<i>Previous History</i> .—Catamenia ceased seven years ago; leucorrhœa in a trifling degree during four years. Sixteen months ago examined with the speculum, in London, and informed that there was ulceration of the uterus. Being much alarmed, returned home, and was examined again with the speculum by her own medical attendant, and informed that there was no ulceration of the uterus. <i>Present State</i> .—Leucorrhœa continues; good general health; little or no pain about the uterus vagina in a healthy state; os uteri in the natural situation; posterior lip swollen, but smooth, and not hard; no bloody or fetid discharge; no organic disease of the uterus detected.

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88	— 1852	Married; barren.	38	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married eight years; five years in Australia; since her return to England an affection of the liver, from which she had recovered. Five years ago, being sterile, and having a discharge from the vagina, consulted a physician in London, who made an examination with the speculum, and reported that there was ulceration of the uterus; did not derive any essential benefit from the treatment, which was continued several months. <i>Present State.</i> —Uterus extremely small, orifice smooth; no hardness or irregularity; no organic disease of any kind detected.
89	— 1852	Married; five children.	37	<i>Previous History.</i> —All the labours natural; ever since the last, five years ago, has had pain in the sacrum; catamenia profuse; feeling of bearing down; hysterical; pain on the top of the head; profuse leucorrhœa; two years ago, consulted a physician in London, during three months took bichloride of mercury; great irritation of mucous membrane of stomach and bowels followed; astringent injections; leucorrhœa continued. Examined with speculum, and “abrasion or ulceration of os uteri” said to exist, and thickening of the neck; then took oxide of silver, and used an injection with nitrate of silver; leeches twice applied to os uteri; afterwards had profuse menorrhagia. <i>Present State.</i> —Hysteria in a marked form; no organic disease of uterus observed.
90	— 1852	Married; four children.	25	<i>Previous History.</i> —The last child born on the 8th of April; is now suckling; coloured discharge from the vagina, with pain since the last confinement; had been exposed to much fatigue, and had hooping-cough during her last pregnancy. A week ago examined by her surgeon with the speculum, and the “vagina found much inflamed and ulcerated, and also inflammation with slight ulceration on the neck and mouth of the womb.” “He applied caustic every other day.” “Two of her sisters-in-law had suffered from the same complaint.” <i>Present State.</i> —Abundance of milk for her child; lips of os uteri open; orifice patulous; body of uterus apparently imperfectly contracted; symptoms soon relieved by sea-bathing.
91	— 1852	Married.	36	<i>Previous History.</i> —Three premature confinements in Italy, once a mass of serous cysts expelled from the uterus; a second marriage two years ago; sterile since; pain about the uterus and leucorrhœa; at Vienna, treated hydropathically; supposed by a practitioner in London to arise from rheumatic gout of the uterus; twelve months ago examined with the speculum by another physician in London, and during ten months was under speculum and caustic treatment. <i>Present State.</i> —Leucorrhœa and pain about the uterus, and across the back continues; lips of os uteri smooth and regular; cervix not swollen or hard; body not enlarged; a little hardness on right side of uterus.

Previous History.—After a miscarriage, thirteen years ago, had prolapsus uteri; more recently examined in London with the speculum, and leeches applied internally; a pessary then introduced, and worn two years. *Present State.*—Catamenia irregular, sometimes absent several months; critical age; os uteri with a fissure on left side, close to the orifice of the vagina.

Previous History.—After a long walk, at New York, “felt suddenly as if something had snapped about the back;” since then an unpleasant sensation of bearing down experienced, and pain in the legs. Consulted a female American graduate in medicine, who made an examination with the speculum, and wrote the following statement: “*Result of examination made Jan. 8th, 1852: External genital organs healthy; sphincter vaginae somewhat weak in tone; vagina healthy; os uteri low down, rather inclined forward; somewhat congested, with slight creamy discharge; cervix slender; fundus retro-flected at nearly a right angle, with an inclination to the left; uterus moveable, no tenderness on pressure.*—*Kramei. Radic.*, 3iv, 31, 605.” *Present State.*—No displacement of the uterus, nor disease of any kind whatever.

Previous History.—Hysterical, and suffered during three years pain internally; irregularity of the catamenia, for which Tinct. Guaiac. Ammon. taken, and Liq. Plumb. Diacet. diluted, used as a lotion. Oct. 18th, 1851, examined with the speculum by Dr. ———, and caustic applied the same day to the os uteri; speculum and caustic have been in almost constant use during the last ten months; leeches applied ten times; chloroform and Liq. Opii Sedat. in camphor mixture every night. *Present State.*—Violent fits of hysteria; is no better; hymen gone; vagina widely dilated; uterus low down; near the ostium vaginae, lips smooth and soft. Examined with speculum, and never saw a more healthy os uteri; no trace of ulceration, which had been declared to exist by the above eminent accoucheur.

Previous History.—Had fever, in Sicily, while in the family way thirty years ago, and has never since been quite well; then bore two children, the youngest 25; also had some disease of the liver of long standing. Four years ago, the catamenia having long ceased, and there being no discharge or symptom of uterine disease, was recommended to consult Dr. ———, who examined with the speculum, and said there was a little polypus. Went to London every week for six months to have the speculum introduced, and to be cauterized. Profuse discharge from the vagina and pain followed this treatment. *Present State.*—General health greatly impaired, and constant pain across the hypogastrium; extremely nervous, which she never was before. No organic disease could be detected in the abdominal viscera, and those of the pelvis in a perfectly healthy condition.

92	— 1852	Married; eight children.	45	<i>Previous History.</i> —After a miscarriage, thirteen years ago, had prolapsus uteri; more recently examined in London with the speculum, and leeches applied internally; a pessary then introduced, and worn two years. <i>Present State.</i> —Catamenia irregular, sometimes absent several months; critical age; os uteri with a fissure on left side, close to the orifice of the vagina.
93	— 1852	Married; barren.	30	<i>Previous History.</i> —After a long walk, at New York, “felt suddenly as if something had snapped about the back;” since then an unpleasant sensation of bearing down experienced, and pain in the legs. Consulted a female American graduate in medicine, who made an examination with the speculum, and wrote the following statement: “ <i>Result of examination made Jan. 8th, 1852: External genital organs healthy; sphincter vaginae somewhat weak in tone; vagina healthy; os uteri low down, rather inclined forward; somewhat congested, with slight creamy discharge; cervix slender; fundus retro-flected at nearly a right angle, with an inclination to the left; uterus moveable, no tenderness on pressure.</i> — <i>Kramei. Radic.</i> , 3iv, 31, 605.” <i>Present State.</i> —No displacement of the uterus, nor disease of any kind whatever.
94	— 1852	Single.	21	<i>Previous History.</i> —Hysterical, and suffered during three years pain internally; irregularity of the catamenia, for which Tinct. Guaiac. Ammon. taken, and Liq. Plumb. Diacet. diluted, used as a lotion. Oct. 18th, 1851, examined with the speculum by Dr. ———, and caustic applied the same day to the os uteri; speculum and caustic have been in almost constant use during the last ten months; leeches applied ten times; chloroform and Liq. Opii Sedat. in camphor mixture every night. <i>Present State.</i> —Violent fits of hysteria; is no better; hymen gone; vagina widely dilated; uterus low down; near the ostium vaginae, lips smooth and soft. Examined with speculum, and never saw a more healthy os uteri; no trace of ulceration, which had been declared to exist by the above eminent accoucheur.
95	— 1852	Married.	64	<i>Previous History.</i> —Had fever, in Sicily, while in the family way thirty years ago, and has never since been quite well; then bore two children, the youngest 25; also had some disease of the liver of long standing. Four years ago, the catamenia having long ceased, and there being no discharge or symptom of uterine disease, was recommended to consult Dr. ———, who examined with the speculum, and said there was a little polypus. Went to London every week for six months to have the speculum introduced, and to be cauterized. Profuse discharge from the vagina and pain followed this treatment. <i>Present State.</i> —General health greatly impaired, and constant pain across the hypogastrium; extremely nervous, which she never was before. No organic disease could be detected in the abdominal viscera, and those of the pelvis in a perfectly healthy condition.

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96	— 1852	Married.	42	<i>Previous History.</i> —Two children; six years ago a tumour appeared in the right side of the hypogastrium, for the removal of which mesmerism was tried, then iodine; afterwards was examined with the speculum, and had caustic applied; then balls of iodine were introduced into the vagina, which produced irritation about the parts. <i>Present State.</i> —An ovarian tumour in the right side, with a distinct fluctuation; no ulceration of uterus.
97	— 1852	Married.	42	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married twenty-five years; one child; resided six years between the tropics, and suffered from the climate; four years ago began to feel pain in the hypogastrium, with enlargement; catamenia regular; three years ago leucorrhœa took place. One year after was examined with the speculum; ulceration of the uterus was declared to exist, and caustic applied, "which put her to dreadful pain;" symptoms aggravated; she was in a distressing state of irritation after. Her husband interfered, and stopped the use of the speculum. Went to Aix-la-Chapelle, drank the water, and took the sulphur-baths, and derived great benefit from them, then went to Spa. <i>Present State.</i> —Irritation about the uterus continues; sense of suffocation, and other hysterical symptoms; no uterine disease.
98	— 1852	Married.	33	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married ten years to her first husband, and had seven children; uterine hemorrhage six years since, after the birth of her last child; menorrhagia since, and pain of the back, hips, and all over, and impaired health; consulted a practitioner, who examined with the speculum, and applied leeches to the os uteri; no improvement. Another practitioner consulted, who examined with the speculum, and told her to lie upon the couch four months, and applied caustic every week; a sponge then passed up to the orifice of the uterus; leucorrhœa after this diminished, but pain increased. An instrument then passed into the bladder, which produced great irritation. Again examined by another practitioner with the speculum, and leeches applied to os uteri every month. A second time married, twelve months ago; since, again speculumized and cauterized, and bougies employed. <i>Present State.</i> —No organic disease; no improvement from all this.
99	— 1852	Single.	22	<i>Previous History.</i> —Irregular menstruation and leucorrhœa for several years; irritation of bladder and pain in the back and groins; oxymuriate of mercury taken internally; astringent injections. Examined in London with the speculum, and ulceration of os uteri said to exist. <i>Present State.</i> —Os uteri small, smooth, not ulcerated; cervix slender, not tender; body not enlarged; no displacement; health ultimately restored.

100	— 1852	Married.	40	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Delivered of a dead child, 1840, of a second in 1842, preceded by headache and puerperal convulsions; of a third, still-born child 1843; of a fourth, at the sixth month, in 1844; of a fifth, at the seventh month, in 1845; of a sixth in August, in 1846, when there was adhesion of the placenta; a mercurial course in 1847, followed by great disorder of bowels; another still-born child 8th Feb. 1850; an early miscarriage in 1851; internally leeches applied four times, eight each time, which produced a great loss of blood; then a course of treatment with speculum and caustic; this was succeeded by violent pain in right hip joint, and swellings of both legs; constant restlessness and nervous excitement. <i>Present State.</i>—Œdematous swellings of lower extremities; no disease of uterus; restored to health by rational treatment.</p>
101	— 1852	Married.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Has suffered from indigestion and headache since her last confinement, eight years ago; catamenia profuse. Four years ago the uterus was examined with the speculum, great fulness was stated to exist, and leeches were applied to the os, "which did no positive good." A friend requested her to consult Dr. ———, who examined her with the speculum, "and talked about ulceration." Went to him twenty times, and each time the speculum and caustic were used; derived no benefit from this. Mr. ——— has examined the uterus without the speculum, and he says there is a contraction of the vagina, the result of the caustic.</p>
102	— 1852	Single.	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—In delicate health in early life; four years ago threatened with phthisis, afterwards had hysterical symptoms, with palpitation of the heart and fainting fits. 7th October, consulted Dr. ———, who examined her with the speculum, and reported that her womb was in a wrong position, "it was completely turned, and wished her to come to London that some internal application might be made." <i>Present State.</i>—Hymen torn; os uteri smooth and healthy, lying backward; cervix and body of uterus sound.</p>
103	— 1852	Married.	50	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—The death of her husband, two years since, caused great distress, and was followed by rheumatic gout and leucorrhœa, Tinct. Guaiac. Ammon., 5j, taken twice a day during two months, without benefit. In May, 1852, consulted Dr. ———, "who thought there might be a little rheumatism, but that there was certainly an ulcer in the neck of the womb, about the size of a shilling, with hardness;" caustic was applied; the same practice was pursued for at least thirty times. "During the period of these operations there were occasional floodings, at one time lasting for three weeks, and to an alarming extent." <i>Present State.</i>—Violent nervous fits resembling hysteria; lips of os uteri soft, smooth, and regular; no hardness felt; finger not covered with blood or pus; through speculum os uteri seen red, and slightly swollen; glands enlarged; viscid discharge escaping. No ulcer or cicatrix.</p>

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104	— 1852	Married; barren.	50	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Exposed to great fatigue in 1851. Afterwards became extremely nervous and apprehensive that she had some internal abscess. There was pain in the back, for which aconite had been taken. Afterwards was examined at Leamington with the speculum, by a practitioner, "who turned it round roughly within her, which gave great pain, from which she has never since been free." <i>Present State.</i>—Hysterical, as she has been from early life, and imagines she is suffering from a great variety of disorders. Uterus extremely small, as in most sterile women; lips of os smooth; no displacement.</p>
105	— 1852	Married.	32	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Has had six children, the youngest not twelve months old. Has suffered from pain in the right side of the hypogastric region for several years, but much worse of late. Catamenia profuse. Four months ago, while suckling her child, was examined with the speculum, and told there was ulceration of the uterus, and was cauterized, and kept in the horizontal position. Became extremely hysterical. Leucorrhœa since the caustic was applied, and sense of bearing down. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri soft, smooth, slightly irregular, as in women who have had children; no displacement or disease detected; tongue furred; great derangement of the digestive organs and kidneys. Aug. 1853. Is in a nervous hysterical condition; no organic disease of the uterus; has been separated from her husband twelve months.</p>
106	— 1852	Married; barren.	48	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia scanty; constant pain in the back during the last thirty years; not hysterical; dragging pain; unable to stand; "feeling as if the ligaments had given way;" an abrasion of the os uteri said to have been discovered with the speculum some years since; kept her bed and couch entirely five months; when she got up her back was worse than before. Examined by Dr. —, with speculum, but the treatment recommended not adopted. Pessaries at one time employed with apparent benefit.</p>
107	— 1852	Married.	41	<p><i>Present State.</i>—Lips of os uteri smooth and soft; anterior part of cervix uteri felt hard and enlarged. <i>Previous History.</i>—Weak and hysterical in early life. Ever since the birth of youngest child, nine years since, has been nervous, and suffered severely from neuralgia of the gums and face. Catamenia regular; examined with the speculum; and caustic was applied nine times. After this there was leucorrhœa, but the nervous symptoms seemed better. Came to London to consult Dr. —. "It was declared in five minutes that there was ulceration." The speculum and caustic treatment resumed, and went on during a long period. Ulceration then declared to be not larger than a grain of mustard seed. <i>Present State.</i>—Os and cervix uteri perfectly healthy; the fundus lying back on the rectum; no enlargement of the cervix or body.</p>

108	1852	Married.	22	<i>Previous History.</i> —Has had repeated miscarriages. Stated to have been examined with speculum, in the country, not many days before she miscarried in July, when there was pain and hemorrhage. Has ever since been in pain, and believes she was lacerated. <i>Present State.</i> —Uterus perfectly healthy.
109	1852	Married.	52	<i>Previous History.</i> —Catamenia ceased twelve months ago. Since then has had pain in the uterus and around the lower part of the spine, extending down the thighs; headache; irregular discharges from the vagina. Examined with the speculum, and inflammation and ulceration said to exist. Caustic applied once a week for a month, and then every fourteen days for several. Last applied three months ago. Now using a caustic injection. <i>Present State.</i> —No abdominal disease; vagina healthy; os uteri a little open; no hardness nor irregularity of the lips; body of uterus so high up that its condition could not be ascertained.
110	1852	Married.	47	<i>Previous History.</i> —In 1838 often cupped from sacrum, after returning from India in bad health. In 1845 examined with the speculum by Dr. —, and was often cauterized. In 1846, a small polypus said to have been detached and removed; symptoms not relieved; re-examined with the speculum; ulceration reported to exist, and a long course of cauterization and leeching. Two years ago symptoms still continued; again examined with speculum, and os and cervix uteri reported to be contracted; dilatation with bougies. <i>Present State.</i> —General health completely ruined; suffers constant pain about the uterus; posterior lip hard and irregular; the cervix harder than natural; body enlarged. 1854. The uterus has undergone no change.
111	1852	Married; barren.	27	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married nine years; catamenia irregular six years; great pain occasionally in the region of the liver and uterus. At the age of fifteen had a fit, accompanied with unconsciousness; several similar attacks at long intervals. Six weeks before, examined with speculum. <i>Present State.</i> —Abdomen distended, as in cases of hysterical tympanitis; great tenderness in the region of the liver; face swollen and shining; os uteri remarkably flat, so as to feel almost without lips; a small short cervix; body unusually small, and the fundus turned backwards. Symptoms, those usually present in cases of hysteria and sterility.
112	1852	Single.	22	<i>Previous History.</i> —Went to a southern colony at the age of seven; climate disagreed; catamenia have never appeared; congestion of the brain and hysterical attacks during the voyage home. Has had six fits without loss of consciousness. Since her return to England, was under the care of a clairvoyant, then a homœopathist, afterwards of a hydropathist, and still later of a mesmerist; from whose treatment reports that she derived the greatest benefit. Has been repeatedly cupped, and has had nine blisters. Subsequently speculumized and cauterized by Dr. —. <i>Present State.</i> —Hymen gone; vagina and uterus in the most healthy state.

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113	— 1852	Married; barren.	27	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married ten years. Last March seized with a violent flooding. Reports that she was examined with the speculum by a practitioner, who told her that she had bad ulceration of the womb, and that this had extended to a blood-vessel. Returned to London, and placed herself under the care of a practitioner, who proposed to make an examination of the uterus without the speculum, and was not permitted. <i>Present State.</i> —Does not suffer pain; there is no discharge from uterus, nor symptom of disease; has been seized with spitting of blood; condition of uterus not allowed to be ascertained.
114	— 1853	Married; barren.	35	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married eight years; has been out of health six months; catamenia regular, but profuse; leucorrhœa. After consulting several practitioners of reputation, and being informed that there was some serious disease of the uterus, was recommended to go to an institution, where she was examined by Dr. — with the speculum; violent pain and hemorrhage followed the introduction of the instrument, and has been extremely ill ever since. <i>Present State.</i> —Vagina, os and cervix uteri extensively disorganized, with ulcerated carcinoma.
115	— 1853	Single.	40	<i>Previous History.</i> —"For some years she had been subject to an affection of the uterus, which had given her a great deal of trouble; by some it had been considered fibrous tumour of the uterus, but I believe the general opinion is that there is retroversion with a folding of the organ upon itself, obstructing the rectum, and producing pain and nervous symptoms." She had been treated by a hydro-pathist at Malvern; and she had lain twelve months with her face to the ground, by the advice of Dr. —, of London. She had tried the effects of mesmerism; and at last went to Edinburgh, where the os uteri was divided with the hysterotome, and the metallic instrument forced into the vagina—usually called the impaling uterine machine. During the last two years has undergone a long course of speculum and caustic treatment. <i>Present State.</i> —No organic disease of uterus, the fundus lies back upon the rectum.
116	— 1853	Single.	27	<i>Previous History.</i> —Has been very delicate and hysterical for some years; catamenia regular, but scanty. Consulted a homœopathist, and was for a time under his care. By the advice of a sister-in-law, consulted Dr. —, in London, who examined her with an instrument, after giving her something which made her unconscious. She went twice a week for two months, had the speculum introduced, and was touched with something which left a burning pain. Was worse after this treatment than before it had commenced. <i>Present State.</i> —Hysteria, with uterine irritation. No organic disease.

117	— 1853	Married.	28	<i>Previous History.</i> —Profuse menstruation, in India, in 1849; pain in the sacrum, hypogastrium, and iliac regions; weight in the pelvis, and bearing down. Examined with speculum, and ulceration of os uteri said to exist. Nitrate of silver, and afterwards potassa fusa applied, “by which a deep eschar was formed.” Symptoms not relieved. Returned to London; underwent another long course of speculum and caustic treatment. Then went to Kissengen. Three months after the uterine pain came back, and the treatment with the speculum and caustic resumed. <i>Present State.</i> —Os, cervix, and body of uterus in the most healthy state. Pregnancy subsequently took place twice, and both labours were safely completed without difficulty.
118	— 1853	Married.	34	<i>Previous History.</i> —Had long suffered from what was considered spinal irritation and hysteria, for which setons had been inserted between the shoulders, and leeches and blisters had been applied; and iron, strichnine, and other remedies taken. An ordinary examination had been made, and the existence of a tumour of large dimensions in the pelvis ascertained. Consulted a practitioner after this, who examined with the speculum, the introduction of which was attended with great difficulty and pain. <i>Present State.</i> —A large diseased mass in the pelvis on the right side.
119	— 1853	Married.	26	<i>Previous History.</i> —Catamenia regular, but scanty and painful. Has long suffered from hysteria and constant pain at the lower part of the abdomen, whenever an attempt has been made to walk, and in consequence has been much confined to the recumbent posture. Great want of energy. In 1850, underwent a long course of treatment with the speculum, caustic, and leeches. Uterus said to be ulcerated. Then went to Kissengen. <i>Present State.</i> —Ascertained, both without and with the speculum, that there was no organic disease in this case.
120	— 1853	Married.	32	<i>Previous History.</i> —In good health before her marriage. Suffered severely during a voyage to India. Recovered after landing, but there was constant pain about the bladder, and inability to walk. A long series of nervous symptoms followed, which were stated by a practitioner to depend upon ulceration of the uterus. Underwent a long course of treatment with the speculum and caustic, without the slightest benefit. Returned to England. <i>Present State.</i> —The vagina and uterus in a perfectly healthy state. Dissatisfaction expressed by the patient when informed that there was no ulceration of the uterus, and that the speculum and caustic would not be resumed in the treatment.
121	— 1853	Married.	40	<i>Previous History.</i> —Hemorrhage and profuse watery discharge from the vagina for several months, without much pain till recently. It had been ascertained, by an ordinary examination, that the os and cervix uteri were affected with fungoid cancer in an advanced stage. An examination with the speculum had been made without any bad consequences, and without any additional light being thrown on the nature of the disease.

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122	— 1853	Married.	36	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Had menorrhagia, with great debility, after the birth of her third child, in India, and was obliged for some months to remain constantly in the horizontal position; health improved by a short voyage. In 1850, after the birth of her fourth child, having moved about sooner than she ought to have done, suffered from time to time bearing down pains. Had some discharge, and was reduced to a state of great weakness. An examination was made, at Calcutta, with the speculum: "the mouth of the womb was found very large and open, the upper and lower lips ulcerated, having slight fissures in them, and in the lower lip was an ulcer the size of a small wafer, it was not deep; the inner lining membrane of the uterus was also granulated;" a course of speculum and caustic treatment. Health improved by the voyage to England. In London, leeches applied to the os uteri with injurious effects. Iodine balls, and another course of speculum and caustic treatment proposed and rejected. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri near the orifice of the vagina; orifice open, so as to admit the finger; glands enlarged; anterior lip smooth; posterior thickened, but smooth and soft; body of uterus slightly enlarged. Through the speculum, the lips of os uteri seen pale and flabby. Recovered by sea air and bathing.</p>
123	— 1853	Married.	28	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Had fits, with insensibility, eighteen months ago, attributed by a practitioner, to some disease of uterus. Examined with speculum: ulceration said to exist, and caustic applied; a few days after, seized with violent pain in the left side of the hypogastrum. <i>Present State.</i>—Within the pelvis, on the left side, an enlargement felt, probably ovarian, not in an active state; March, 1853, this tumour had greatly increased, was in a state of active inflammation, and death ultimately took place.</p>
124	— 1853	Married; barren.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married ten years; had passed three between the tropics. Catamenia irregular; leucorrhœa; has long been extremely nervous, and at times in a state approaching to delirium tremens. Was nine months under the care of a practitioner, who very frequently employed the speculum and caustic; extensive ulceration being stated to exist. <i>Present State.</i>—Lips of os uteri smooth, and soft; neither inflamed nor ulcerated.</p>
125	— 1853	Married; barren.	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Menstruation had always been profuse; and two years before, had severe attacks of menorrhagia, which did not yield to ordinary treatment. Then consulted a practitioner, who examined with speculum, and said that she had ulceration of the uterus. The speculum and caustic were used a great many times with no good effect. Went to Scotland, where she was again examined</p>

with the speculum, and informed the womb was still ulcerated. Consulted a third practitioner, who examined with the speculum, and told her there was no ulceration. A bent metallic wire was then pushed up into the womb, and ever since she has had severe pain on the right side of the pelvis. *Present State*.—A fibrous tumour in the walls.

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Previous History.—One child, two years and a half old. Catamenia profuse, with much pain; leucorrhœa; inability to walk; suckled eight months; treated for prolapsus uteri. Then examined with the speculum, by the advice of several young married friends in her neighbourhood, who were all being treated by Dr. —, for ulceration of the womb. *Present State*.—Slight prolapsus; os, cervix, and body of uterus healthy.

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Married.

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Previous History.—Three children, all stillborn, at seven months. At one of the British Colonies, had long been under treatment with the speculum and caustic “for ulceration of the uterus,” kept in bed during this time. No advantage; returned to England, and consulted Dr. —, “who called upon her every week, and employed the speculum and caustic at each visit during four months.” Has suffered much from pains about the uterus since her last premature confinement. *Present State*.—No enlargement of the neck or body of the uterus, nor displacement; the anterior lip thicker than natural, and harder on the inner surface. Through the speculum, the anterior lip was seen swollen, but its surface smooth, no ulceration or abrasion, nor cicatrix; posterior lip swollen, smooth, no trace of ulceration perceptible.

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Married.

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Previous History.—Four children, the last stillborn, July, 1852. Since October, profuse menstruation, with leucorrhœa. Had been examined with speculum, and informed that she had enlargement and inflammation of the uterus, which might terminate in ulceration. *Present State*.—No enlargement or displacement; the fundus lying unusually forward; the posterior lip a little thicker than natural, and longer. Inflammation and ulceration of the uterus stated to be very common in the provincial town where this patient resides, and the speculum and caustic in common use.

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Single.

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Previous History.—Born in India, and educated in Paris. Had typhus fever four years ago, since then has suffered from congestion of the brain; general spasms, and sickness at stomach; one day reports that she had locked-jaw at Brighton. Consulted a homœopathist, who examined the uterus with a sound, which produced great pain; retention of urine afterwards took place; then came to London, and saw Dr. —, who examined her with the speculum, and said there was ulceration of the womb, and that no practitioner in London knew anything about this disease except himself. During three weeks, the speculum, caustic, and leeches frequently employed; after which, “she became dreadfully ill.” *Present State*.—Hysteria, without any inflammation or ulceration of the uterus.

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
130	— 1853	Married.	35	<i>Previous History</i> — Married three years, one child; had leucorrhœa several years; catamenia regular, but profuse; twelve months ago, a coloured discharge came on, with difficulty in retaining the urine; sense of bearing down. In April, the discharge became thick and extensive, and pain experienced about the uterus; loss of strength, and inability to walk. Her medical attendant had made an ordinary examination, and ascertained that the os and cervix uteri were affected with cancerous ulceration. <i>Present State</i> .—Vagina, os, and cervix uteri in an advanced state of cancer. In compliance with the request of the relatives of the patient, the speculum was cautiously used. No additional light thrown on the disease.
131	— 1853	Married.	53	<i>Previous History</i> .—Catamenia have long ceased; had long been in a nervous condition, and accustomed to the habitual use of morphia; pain from the sacrum down the thighs, and inability to walk or stand upright. "The local treatment seems to have been severe enough, the surgeon having applied caustic over the sacrum, and, as usual, the same to the interior." The os uteri was cauterized some months. "The patient is fat, fair, and well looking." <i>Present State</i> .—There is now a high state of morbid sensibility of the lumbar and sacral nerves, and a general hysteric condition; suffers from feelings of internal heat about the uterus, hips, and thighs; pain at the bottom of the back; uneasiness about the right groin, and inability to walk; no disease of the uterus; the organ small, and high up. The speculum and caustic had been used sixteen times.
132	— 1853	Married; barren.	26	<i>Previous History</i> .—Hysteric in early life; in good general health until her marriage, six years ago; catamenia regular. Went to Paris, where she consulted a practitioner, who examined her with the speculum, and reported that there was engorgement and ulceration of the uterus; leeches were applied. Went to Italy, where her health improved. Returned to England, and consulted Dr. —, who informed her, after an examination with the speculum, that the womb was ulcerated. During six months, the speculum and caustic were very frequently employed. <i>Present State</i> .—Now suffering from hysteria in a violent degree; no disease of uterus.
133	— 1853	Married.	23	<i>Previous History</i> .—First labour two years and a half ago; a month after, suffered from sense of bearing down, and was recommended to wear a bandage. Not being relieved, consulted Dr. —, who made an examination with the speculum, said "she had an ulcerated womb;" and was cauterized once a week during several months. Again became pregnant. Six weeks after the birth of her second child was again examined with the speculum, frequently cauterized, and leeches during

134	— 1853	Married.	30	several months. Then had a miscarriage. Afterwards, the treatment with the speculum and caustic was resumed. <i>Present State</i> .—Uterus healthy. <i>Previous History</i> .—Catamenia profuse; constant pain in the back, and sense of bearing down; after the monthly periods, a thin discharge tinged with blood. Cancerous ulceration ascertained to exist by her medical attendant. With the greatest difficulty she was prevented from undergoing treatment with the speculum and caustic, being urged by her friends to place herself under the care of Dr. —. In November, the disease had made great progress, and the vagina was involved in it. An examination was afterwards made with speculum, but no caustic applied. Death ensued not long after.
135	— 1853	Married.	37	<i>Previous History</i> .—No child for eleven years. Catamenia profuse for a long period, with pain; two years ago the discharge became much greater. Then examined with the speculum, and informed that there was ulceration of the uterus; caustic was repeatedly applied, and the ulceration was said to "be completely cured." Catamenia less profuse, but immediately followed by leucorrhœa. <i>Present State</i> .—Os and cervix uteri feel healthy, neither hard nor irregular; the lips, seen through the speculum, were red, and apparently slightly swollen and abraded; did not bleed when pressed. Now suffers from pain in the hypogastric region.
136	— 1853	Married; barren.	47	<i>Previous History</i> .—Catamenia had always been painful; attacks of spasms about the abdomen; a tumour detected on the left side of the hypogastrium, by her ordinary attendant. "It having been reported that Dr. — had accomplished a miraculous cure upon some friend, was consulted." An examination with the speculum was made, and the enlargement declared to be a fibrous tumour of the uterus. <i>Present State</i> .—On the left side of the abdomen, a tumour, in which an obscure fluctuation is felt; the vagina so completely blocked up with a hard mass pressing upon the posterior wall that it was impossible to reach the os uteri; after the removal of an indurated mass of feculent matter from the rectum by mechanical means, a tumour, most probably ovarian, was felt occupying the front of the brim of the pelvis. This patient had long been under the care of a homœopathist.
137	— 1853	Married; barren.	46	<i>Previous History</i> .—Catamenia ceased two years; since, suffered severely from headache after being exposed to great mental distress; two or three years ago first felt an enlargement of the hypogastrium; pain after passing the urine, and frequent desire to do so; sickness; palpitation of the heart. This patient stated that she had been induced to procure a speculum, and that she had frequently used it herself. <i>Present State</i> .—Procedentia of the anterior wall of the vagina and bladder; no disease of uterus.

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
138	— 1853	Married.	47	<i>Previous History.</i> —A year before, repeated and profuse hemorrhages from the uterus. An examination made with the speculum: the anterior lip of os uteri reported to be red and swollen in a high degree, but no hardness or ulceration; nitrate of silver through the speculum frequently rubbed over the anterior lip without any good effect; hemorrhage returned; Potassa fusa then applied producing sloughing of the part, great constitutional disturbance took place; after its separation, nitrate of silver again applied. <i>Present State.</i> —Sallow complexion; hemorrhage; little or no pain; distressing sickness; os and cervix uteri disorganized with cancer. Death took place soon after an examination had been made with a trivalve speculum, by a practitioner who had been consulted.
139	— 1853	Married.	42	<i>Previous History.</i> —General bad health since the birth of her youngest child, six years ago; irregular sanguineous discharges from the uterus. Twelve months under the care of a homœopathist. Then informed by a practitioner, that she had retroversion of the uterus; and she wore for a short time a metallic ring and prong, called an intra-uterine pessary, with the worse effects. Then examined with the speculum, and informed that there was no retroversion, but that the womb was ulcerated, and caustic was applied three times every week for three months. <i>Present State.</i> —No disease or displacement of uterus whatever.
140	— 1853	Married.	27	<i>Previous History.</i> —After the birth of her first child in India, had an attack of fever and acute pain in the hypogastric region; leeches and mercury were employed. The health being severely injured, returned to England, where it was gradually restored. Went back to India, and after the birth of another child, had leucorrhœa, and “a constant draining.” Was examined with the speculum, and had caustic applied three times a week during several months. This was followed by violent nervous headaches, palpitation of the heart, sense of suffocation, and a state of distressing excitement. Returned to England. <i>Present State.</i> —There is no disease of the vagina or uterus whatever.
141	— 1853	Married; six children.	33	<i>Previous History.</i> —Three miscarriages. At ten years of age had something in her throat which prevented her from swallowing. At thirteen was extremely hysterical. This, after some years, suddenly disappeared as it came. Six weeks after the last miscarriage an examination took place with the speculum, and was informed that there was ulceration of the womb. Caustic applied four times, the last time three weeks ago. Leucorrhœa of long standing. Catamenia profuse. <i>Present State.</i> —Anterior lip of os uteri thick, but not hard or irregular; posterior lip thin; finger not covered with blood; orifice of uterus open; no redness or ulcer visible; a profuse cream-coloured discharge.

142	— 1853	Married; five children.	39	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—All the labours natural. During the last ten months pain about the uterus, left hip-joint, and groin. Consulted a practitioner, who informed her that there was inflammation of the womb. Leeches were applied externally, which bled profusely. Another practitioner consulted, who reported that there was slight fulness of the uterus, but he “could discover no disease.” Dr. — was then consulted, examined with the speculum, and said there was an ulcer of the womb, and applied caustic. Great sickness of stomach has since been experienced. <i>Present State.</i>—Great constipation and disorder of the stomach and bowels. By the sense of touch no disease or displacement of uterus detected. Os soft and smooth; lips equal in length; neck not enlarged or indurated; the rectum distended with a mass of indurated faeces. The patient being dissatisfied with this examination, the speculum was employed; and the lips seen smooth and pale; but immediately within the orifice a slight redness on the left side. On wiping the part, the redness disappeared. On the removal of a mass of thick fluid tinged with blood, no abrasion, excoriation, or ulceration was perceptible. There were several Nabothian glands slightly enlarged. By the proper use of purgatives this patient was speedily restored to health.</p>
143	— 1853	Married; two children.	29	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—The youngest child four years old. After a miscarriage, accompanied with much hemorrhage, suffered from a sense of bearing down, menorrhagia, and leucorrhœa. Last autumn examined with the speculum, and informed that the womb was inflamed and ulcerated. Caustic applied thrice. Symptoms not relieved. <i>Present State.</i>—The os uteri in a healthy state, but the cervix elongated in an extraordinary manner.</p>
144	— 1853	Married; one child, premature.	36	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Married thirteen years. In February last delivered of a premature stillborn child, the first she had ever had. Three years ago consulted a practitioner, by whom she was told the uterus was retroverted, and a metallic instrument was introduced, which produced “horrible irritation.” Then said to have congestion of the uterus; leeches frequently applied, which bled profusely. The speculum was then employed, and a “red spot was said to be seen in the cavity,” and leeches again applied. Something wrong was then discovered about the husband’s prepuce, and he was circumcised, which nearly cost him his life. <i>Present State.</i>—Great emaciation and debility; os and cervix uteri irregular and harder than natural, as after sloughing.</p>
145	— 1853	Married; seven children.	42	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Uneasiness about the chest after suffering great fatigue; headache and giddiness; catamenia regular; slight leucorrhœa. Examined by a practitioner with the speculum, and ulceration of the womb said to exist. “Once a week the caustic was used for three months.” Since then her digestion has improved, but she has not felt well, and has been taking citrate of iron with advantage. <i>Present State.</i>—Extremely nervous; uterus, in structure and situation, perfectly healthy.</p>

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
146	— 1853	Married; nine children.	58	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia ceased four years ago. Six years ago, seized with pain in the region of the heart, which was relieved by leeching. Three years since had pains in the lower part of the abdomen and thighs, irritation about the rectum, and leucorrhœa. No hemorrhoids. Then consulted a practitioner, who said “he could not work in the dark,” used the speculum, and declared the womb to be ulcerated. Caustic used once a week from May till October. After this no discharge, and ulcer then reported to be cured. <i>Present State.</i>—Now complains of pain over the whole of the lower part of the abdomen. Bowels constipated. There is a portion of intestine protruding at the umbilicus, which has existed nine years, and for which has worn a belt. Uterus healthy.</p>
147	— 1853	Married; nine children.	45	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Six months ago seized with pain about the uterus, like labour, and great discharge at the monthly periods. An ordinary examination was made of the uterus by her surgeon, and the existence of cancerous disease ascertained. Dr. — saw the patient, and thought the disease was “polypoid.” He applied through the speculum Potassa fusa thrice, after which all the symptoms had been greatly aggravated, especially the pain and hemorrhage. To stop the discharge, a sponge was kept in the vagina, and occasionally removed with a tape. <i>Present State.</i>—Ulcerated carcinoma of the vagina, os, and cervix uteri.</p>
148	— 1853	Married; several children.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—The after-birth retained long at the last labour, and the practitioner uncertain if it ever came away. Leucorrhœa for seven years. Examined with the speculum in Devonshire some time ago, and was six months under speculum and caustic treatment. Took quinine in large quantities, and used astringent injections. Health being improved, returned to London. Became pregnant, and in the seventh month an examination was made with the speculum, and astringent injections were employed; went to the full period, and was safely delivered. A miscarriage in April last. Before this took place, examined with the speculum by Dr. —, and assured that pregnancy did not exist, but that the womb was ulcerated; and caustic was applied twice before the pain and hemorrhage commenced. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri feels swollen, but not hard or irregular; open and bleeding when touched; enlarged glands; lips red; no ulceration; a profuse discharge.</p>
149	— 1853	Married; barren.	50	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—For upwards of twelve months a thin watery discharge from the vagina, occasionally tinged with blood, had been going on, accompanied with dull pain or uneasiness about the uterus, with loss of appetite, general debility, and lurid complexion. A soft vascular fungus, hanging through the os uteri, removed with the forceps. This was reproduced, and the discharge had become</p>

150	— 1853	Married; one child.	37	<p>more profuse, and the constitution more impaired. In consultation, a large speculum with four blades and a handle employed, and the conclusion drawn that the Nabothian glands were enlarged. Large cancerous fungoid growths from the os and cervix uteri ultimately took place, which proved fatal.</p> <p><i>Previous History.</i>—Great pain low down the back and across the loins, since a miscarriage three years ago. Catamenia regular. A yellowish coloured discharge in the intervals, with a disagreeable odour. Had been under the care of Dr. — since April, who had examined with the speculum, told her that there was ulceration of the womb, and had frequently applied caustic. Discharge continued. <i>Present State.</i>—The mouth of the uterus felt soft and regular; with the speculum, seen red and swollen, but not ulcerated. A great discharge proceeding from the interior of the uterus. Bichloride of mercury had been taken for a long period.</p>
151	— 1853	Married; barren.	38	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Suffered from menorrhagia before her marriage, and it has continued more profusely since. An examination was made by her medical attendant two months ago, but no disease detected. The os uteri was smooth and soft, and not unusually open. The speculum was used, but nothing was seen, engorgement, abrasion, or ulceration. Large doses of gallic acid were given during ten weeks, but the discharge rather increased under this treatment. Cold bathing and cold injections were then employed, and turpentine given internally, but this did no real service. Edema of ankles. <i>Present State.</i>—No enlargement of the body of the uterus detected. A little irregularity or roughness on the inside of the orifice. No hardness. Nitrate of lead subsequently tried.</p>
152	— 1853	Married; nine children.	49	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—About two years ago, a coloured discharge, not very profuse, took place spontaneously from the vagina, without pain or warning of any kind, or accident; which has gone on to the present time without interruption. Six months ago began to have severe pain in the back and groins, extending down the thighs; a small coagulum of blood once expelled; discharge at times brown and watery, intermixed with blood; difficulty at times in passing the urine; strength failing; emaciation; not able to take any exertion. Has been under the care of Mr. — in the country, “and has had caustic applied through the speculum once every week during the last six months. This she said, disagreed with her, and made work upon her constitution.” The caustic invariably caused pain, and increased the discharge. <i>Present State.</i>—Extensive cancerous ulceration of the vagina, os, and cervix uteri. Uterus fixed in the pelvis. Mrs. — was recommended not to submit to any further speculumizing and cauterizing. Her surgeon regarded this as a reflection upon his professional character, justified what he had done, and threatened to take legal proceedings. He was informed that Westminster Hall was the fittest place in the world for trying the merits of speculum and caustic treatment, and that the actual cauterization might be useful on the occasion.</p>

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
153	— 1853	Married; barren.	32	<i>Previous History.</i> —Dysmenorrhœa. Examined with the speculum not long since, and informed that there was dreadful ulceration of the uterus, and that she must come to London for six or eight months, to be under treatment. <i>Present State.</i> —A tender irritable state of the uterus, but no disease detected.
154	— 1853	Married; two children.	45	<i>Previous History.</i> —Seven years ago had a bad miscarriage. There was great hemorrhage, and applications to the womb became necessary. Several abortions since. Was examined by a practitioner in the country with the speculum, and went through a course of speculum and caustic treatment of three months; leeches also were applied. Mr. —, who was subsequently consulted, said “the uterus was doubled down, or doubled up.” Afterwards “he said it was backwards, and she lay three months upon her face. He said likewise there was ulceration.” The treatment did no good essentially, though it was asserted that the doubling down and ulceration were both cured. Discharge and sensation of bearing down succeeded. <i>Present State.</i> —Is weak, and unable to stand long; pain in the back, and irritation about the uterus; great tenderness of os and cervix uteri; but no displacement or organic disease; critical age approaching.
155	— 1854	Married; several children.	55	<i>Previous History.</i> —Catamenia have ceased seven years. In October there was some white discharge, it went on till the 18th of January, and there had occasionally been some discharge of blood; no pain. 20th January. Os and cervix uteri hard and irregular, nodulated, projecting unusually into the vagina. Mr. — had previously examined, without and with the speculum, and ascertained that cancer had commenced. <i>Present State.</i> —Hemorrhage of about two ounces has occurred thrice; the disease has made considerable progress; the vagina being now filled up near to the orifice. At a consultation “it was said to be a case of cauliflower excrescence, and not of cancer, and that such cases had been cured.” 12th June. The disease has made great progress. There has been an attack of crural phlebitis on the left side; an abscess formed internally, and the matter escaped from the bowels. At a consultation another examination was made with the speculum; the results unknown. The patient died in August, 1854.
156	— 1854	Married; barren.	44	<i>Previous History.</i> —After much mental anxiety, consulted Dr. — who examined with the speculum, and stated that there was chronic inflammation and congestion of the womb. “She was ordered to remain in bed six months, but remained eight,” and during that time the practitioner “came every second day, and applied caustic through the speculum. The speculum was invariably used, but not

always solid caustic, but some nitrate of silver, either solid or in solution. Then took a great quantity of steel, in consequence of the head being so much affected." At the end of the eight months was so well that she could walk about, and went into the country. Got worse again after twelve months; four leeches applied to the neck of the womb; and leeches to the groins. *Present State*.—Leucorrhœa; but the uterus is extremely small, as in most sterile women, and perfectly healthy and moveable. A painful hemorrhoidal tumour; tongue furred; bowels relaxed; sickness; no appetite; cannot sleep at night without morphia; and is frequently during the day compelled to have recourse to ammonia and stimulants. Mental confusion.

Previous History.—After a miscarriage, two years ago, "began to complain of a vast number of symptoms, which might be comprised under the term hypochondriasis or melancholy." There was some suspicion of uterine disease, and she consulted Dr. —, who examined with the speculum, and declared that there was ulceration. A long course of speculum and caustic treatment followed. No good resulted from this. Consulted another practitioner, who said the uterus was in a flabby state, but not ulcerated. Saw two other physicians, who said the symptoms arose from nervous debility. Went to Scotland, again examined with the speculum, and leeches applied. *Present State*.—Os uteri irregular; a hard projection on the left side; a red spot seen on the posterior part, which did not bleed when pressed; no ulceration; a profuse white discharge flowing from orifice.

Previous History.—Married two years; leucorrhœa ever since; was examined by a practitioner several months since, with the speculum, and abrasion of the os uteri was stated to have been observed; Argent. Nitrat., gr. x, dissolved in an ounce of water, has been repeatedly applied to the part with a camel's-hair pencil through the speculum; this has been "invariably followed by great uneasiness, and though at first there was a diminution of the discharge, at present it is as great as ever." *Present State*.—The anterior lip of os uteri felt soft, swollen, and spongy, but it did not bleed when pressed hard. With the speculum, we saw a fluid like that which flows from the nostrils in catarrh, escaping profusely from the os uteri, the inner part of the lips of which looked red, but were neither abraded, excoriated, nor ulcerated.

Previous History.—"All her life long has suffered much from pain in the back, and weakness in the lower extremities," and other hysterical symptoms; slight leucorrhœa; an examination was made by Dr. —, with the speculum, and he stated that there was great congestion and ulceration; the speculum and caustic treatment was continued six months; for a time got better, but the symptoms returned again, with pain in the back and discomfort. *Present State*.—Catamenia irregular; there never existed a more healthy uterus.

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160	— 1854	Married; six children.	25	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Health injured in early life, from over-exertion and confinement at a boarding-school. After her second confinement inflammation of the hands took place, which spread up the arm, and large wounds took place after the application of leeches; three years ago was examined with the speculum; engorgement and ulceration were declared to exist, and for six months once a week she was speculumized and cauterized, which produced great pain. After this treatment, became pregnant, and had a child at the sixth month. <i>Present State.</i>—Great derangement of the digestive organs; violent attacks of sickness; body of uterus somewhat enlarged; no other disease detected.</p>
161	— 1854	Married; seven prema- ture stillborn children.	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia profuse through life, and coagula of blood often passed with pain; has suffered from rheumatism and almost constant pain about the sacrum, excited, apparently, by cold baths after the second premature confinement; has been under the care of Dr. — for six years; two years ago an examination was made with the speculum, and growths were said to have been detected about the orifice of the uterus, which were cauterized, but not often; quinine, mercury, and iron have been taken, to stop the discharge, but without effect. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri open, so as to allow the finger to be introduced, and a hardness and roughness felt on the anterior part of the cervix like the root of a polypus; the posterior lip much tumefied, but not hard; body of uterus slightly enlarged. 15th June. Os uteri much more healthy.</p>
162	— 1854	Married; nine children.	35	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Has never been well since her first confinement, when the placenta presented and there was a great hemorrhage. In October last was examined by a practitioner in the country, and informed that her uterus was diseased, and caustic was frequently applied; it has been continued to this time. <i>Present State.</i>—Pain about the vagina and in passing urine; pain in the back; sense of bearing down; leucorrhœa; and irritation about the external parts; no hardness or enlargement about the abdomen; no displacement of the uterus; a fissure in the posterior lip; the edges of this smooth; no hardness of the lips or cervix; anterior lip everted, and its inner surface swollen.</p>
163	— 1854	Married; several stillborn children.	38	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Eight years ago nervous system became greatly deranged; a burning sensation about the hypogastrium and back; palpitation of the heart; catamenia regular; symptoms not then aggravated. Her medical attendant at first believed that they arose from the passage of gall-stones. At a fashionable watering-place was examined with the speculum, and informed that all her symptoms arose from congestion and inflammation of the womb, and during two months it was frequently cauterized. <i>Present State.</i>—Profuse leucorrhœa; tongue furred; indigestion; bowels confined; urine</p>

high-coloured and scanty; pain and burning sensation about the abdomen, especially in the evening; functions of liver and kidneys deranged; uterine organs healthy.

Previous History.—Was nervous and hysterical before her marriage, five years ago; since slight lateral curvature of the upper part of the spine has taken place; catamenia regular but scanty and painful; irritation about urethra and external parts; has been examined with the speculum and gone through a regular course of treatment with the speculum and caustic. *Present State.*—The right nymphæ hangs out far below the labia, and is hypertrophied; orifice of urethra red and swollen, growing from the entrance into the vagina; behind there is a red excrescence which is slightly ulcerated; uterus small, but healthy, and not displaced, cause of sterility not ascertained.

Previous History.—In the third month of her first pregnancy suffered severely from sickness during a disastrous voyage from England to Portugal; afterwards was injured by the overturning of her carriage, and was ill long after, and had a severe labour and bad recovery; a year after had jaundice; spent the winter in London, where she consulted a practitioner who examined with the speculum, and said she had inflammation of the uterus and ulceration; a course of speculumizing, cauterizing, and leeching, of three months' duration, without any benefit, though assured that "the inflammation and ulceration are cured." *Present State.*—Constitution greatly enfeebled; constant pain in the region between the short ribs of the left side and ilium; tongue furred; sallow complexion; appetite bad; there is no displacement or disease of any kind about the uterus; but the os and cervix are extremely tender on pressure; recovered at Brighton.

Previous History.—Had a severe attack of uterine hemorrhage about a year since; the catamenia for some years had been profuse; about a month ago consulted Dr. —, who stated that there was a small polypus, and recommended that it should be destroyed with nitrate of silver; after seven applications the polypus was reduced to half the size it had been. *Present State.*—Os uteri open; lips soft, smooth, and swollen; the finger passed readily into the cervix, where the root of the polypus, half destroyed, was felt, and another small soft polypus naturally protruding through the orifice, and hanging by a firm peduncle from the cervix; through a glass speculum we saw the extremity of this second polypus, of a white colour, protruding between the lips; it was seized with a pair of forceps and extracted, but not without considerable twisting and extracting force being used, from the firmness of its root.

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
167	— 1854	Married; barren.	43	<p><i>Previous History</i>—Catamenia long, scanty, and irregular; seven years ago became very hysterical, and this has been gradually becoming more distressing; sometimes afraid to be left alone; in 1851 was examined with the speculum, and informed that “two abscesses had formed in the neck of the womb;” a course of speculum and caustic treatment followed this announcement; the symptoms were not relieved; she has since tried homœopathy and the waters of Homburg; uncertain if any benefit has been derived from them; in France was examined by a physician, who told her that “the womb was turned to one side.” <i>Present State</i>.—Hysteria, with danger of mania; no disease or displacement of the uterus whatever detected.</p>
168	— 1854	Single.	35	<p><i>Previous History</i>.—Has been ill since 1850, with hysteria and leucorrhœa, and distressing sense of heat about the uterus; in 1851 was four months under the care of Dr. —, by whom the speculum and caustic were used every four days, almost without intermission, and occasionally leeches and warm hip-baths; she was then represented as quite well; but soon after, all the symptoms returned, and have distressed her ever since. <i>Present State</i>.—Catamenia every three weeks; after that suffers from the sense of internal heat; is extremely hysterical; swelling, weight, and tension, of lower part of abdomen; no disease or displacement of the uterus; is represented as being haunted day and night with the idea of imaginary ulceration of the womb; is a miserable nervous creature, unfit for anything in this world or the next; cannot walk; has just returned from Paris, where she had gone to see if anything could be done for her womb.</p>
169	— 1854	Single.	30	<p><i>Previous History</i>.—Has long been suffering from irregular hysteria; consulted, some months since, Dr. —, who examined her with the speculum; consulted another practitioner, who considered that “she had cancer forming on the womb;” requested to examine the patient and state my opinion. <i>Present State</i>.—Uterus healthy; great hypertrophy and elongation of one of the nymphæ; on its removal, leucorrhœa, pain of the hypogastrium, and nervous symptoms disappeared.</p>
170	— 1854	Married; six children.	51	<p><i>Previous History</i>.—Catamenia ceased two years ago; a gouty affection of one of the knee-joints six years since; has suffered, for a considerable time, from excessive pain in the back, chiefly when in bed; sleeplessness; no leucorrhœa; uneasiness about the interior of the pelvis; has taken steel and taraxacum, and drank Kissengen water; consulted Dr. —, in November, who examined with the speculum, and said that the womb was “excoriated,” and applied caustic seven times; no benefit derived</p>

171	— 1854	Married; barren.	58	<p>from the treatment; some discharge followed; the last application of caustic made ten days ago. <i>Present State.</i>—Lips of os uteri smooth, regular, and free from hardness; slightly swollen, red; several small depressions seen, but the mucous membrane entire.</p> <p><i>Previous History.</i>—From early life dysmenorrhœa, and in later years menorrhagia; in 1848 a severe attack of irritative fever, “with inflammatory congestion of the uterus;” in 1849 uterus enlarged; attacks of congestion and hemorrhage, and in the intervals a constant exudation of a thick albuminous pellucid, pale-yellow, adhesive matter “presenting no organic characteristics under the microscope;” the cervix uteri larger and harder than natural, and about a month following the first attack there was similar ulceration surrounding the os, which yielded to the application of lunar caustic and leeches. In 1852 a material aggravation of all the symptoms. <i>Present State.</i>—There is a large, hard, fibrous tumour imbedded in the walls of the uterus; os uteri situated so far back that it is difficult to see it through the speculum; but it can be felt a little open, thin, smooth, and soft.</p>
172	— 1854	Single.	19	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Had been suffering for some time from hysteria and almost total inability to walk; recently went to Scotland, where she was rendered insensible by chloroform, and an unsuccessful attempt made to introduce a speculum or some metallic instrument into the vagina; suffered violently after this attempt. <i>Present State.</i>—Hymen lacerated; vagina contracted; os and cervix uteri in the most healthy condition, and not displaced; suffering severely from hysteria.</p>
173	— 1854	Married; several children.	Under 30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Youngest child eighteen months old; five months before had consulted Dr. —, who examined with the speculum, and said the uterus was inflamed and ulcerated; caustic repeatedly applied; went to the Continent, and on returning to London the speculum was again employed, and four leeches were applied to the os uteri; the catamenia had not appeared for some months, and pregnancy not suspected. <i>Present State.</i>—Profuse uterine hemorrhage and great faintness after the leeching. Something else than engorgement of the uterus being suspected by me, the vessel containing the blood discharged from the uterus was examined, and a foetus and placenta found.</p>
174	— 1854	Single.	38	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia excessive for years, with pain in the back and discharge between the periods; swelling of feet; cough and expectoration; hoarseness; abdomen swollen and hard on the right side; five years ago consulted a practitioner who informed her that there was a tumour in the uterus which “he could cure;” a long course of internal medicine, and she sat for ten minutes in a cold hip-bath for a long period; twelve months consulted Dr. —, who made an examination with the speculum, and introduced an instrument “like a pipe,” but it gave such dreadful pain that it was immediately removed. <i>Present State.</i>—A large hard mass internally in the front of the pelvis; os uteri situated far back; the upper part of the tumour felt in the hypogastrium.</p>

No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
175	— 1854	Married; sterile.	36	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—After her marriage, two years ago, “had extreme weakness of the womb and bearing down;” leucorrhœa; and at the monthly periods occasionally passed membranous substances with coagula, some of which were supposed to be diseased ova expelled in abortion; has suffered from piles, and had an operation performed; eighteen months since was examined with the speculum, declared to have ulceration; caustic was applied, but not many times; the leucorrhœa greater since. <i>Present State.</i>—No disease or displacement of uterus detected without and with speculum.</p>
176	— 1854	Single.	48	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Was injured by a fall from a horse, at the age of 21; catamenia afterwards ceased two years, and a long course of bad health succeeded; has taken, at different times, an immense quantity of mercury; catamenia have ceased five years, and since there has been no discharge of any kind from the vagina; has suffered much from pain in the back, and frequent desire to pass the urine. Consulted a practitioner in the country, two years since, who examined with the speculum, and caustic was applied three times every week during the winter, and she lay on the couch a great part of that time. <i>Present State.</i>—Great derangement of the functions of the liver and digestive organs; slight jaundice; uterus small, lips smooth and regular; no hardness.</p>
177	— 1854	Single.	24	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Has been treated, by Dr. —, for ulceration of the neck of the womb (six months). The ulcer is represented to be healed, but the pain on one side of the navel still continues. The speculum and caustic were used at first once a week, and afterwards every fourteen days. They were used once a week during four months, and afterwards every fourteen days; had previously consulted a practitioner of some name, “who could not make out what was the nature of the case.” <i>Present State.</i>—The uterine organs perfectly healthy; the imagination disordered.</p>
178	— 1854	Married; several children.	51	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—The catamenia had ceased for a considerable period; then hemorrhages of no great extent occurred, three or four times, with uneasy feelings about the uterus; three months under treatment with the speculum and caustic, on account of reputed ulceration of the posterior lip of os uteri; symptoms not removed. <i>Present State.</i>—Posterior lip elongated, remarkably smooth, soft; not ulcerated; os open; within the orifice a small polypus felt hanging by a firm peduncle from the inner surface of cervix. Polypus removed; parts slowly returned nearly to the natural condition without caustic.</p>

179	1854	Married; several children.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Great flooding after the birth of first child. Four years ago, soon after the birth of her last child, examined with speculum, and treated, by Dr. —, for “ulceration of the womb;” was very frequently speculumized and cauterized during three months, then said to be cured; symptoms returned, and underwent a second course of cauterizing nine months after; the last time, the application of the caustic produced great pain, and was succeeded by large boils; did not feel better after; consulted another practitioner, who examined with the speculum, and said there was great ulceration of the cervix, and that the treatment would be long and severe and the issue doubtful; went to Scotland and saw a practitioner who examined with the speculum and said there was no induration of the cervix, but that the feeling of induration was produced by the womb having been “folded up,” and a metal instrument was introduced; remained in the horizontal position, and was under treatment seven months. <i>Present State.</i>—Internal pain not relieved; catamenia regular; vagina, os uteri, rough and irregular, as it often is after long and severe cauterizing; no displacement nor induration.</p>
180	1854	Married; barren.	40	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Consulted Dr. —, for the purpose of knowing whether she could obtain a divorce from her husband. Examined with the speculum, and informed that it was exceedingly fortunate she had come under his observation, because she had “a great ulcer of the womb.” The catamenia were regular, and there was little or no discharge at the time; underwent two long courses of speculum and caustic treatment. <i>Present State.</i>—Os and cervix uteri greatly disorganized; now suffering from carbuncles.</p>
181	1854	Married; several children.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—The youngest child three years and a half old. A month exactly after her confinement mounted her horse and rode every day after as usual; nervous excitement and pain in the back followed. Her medical attendant had examined with the speculum, and said “there is elongation of the cervix and an epithelial appearance of the os and cervix uteri;” another had examined and said there was cancer. <i>Present State.</i>—No tenderness, hardness, or swelling, of the anterior lip; posterior lip extremely irregular, and harder than natural, which led me to believe that some escharotic had been applied to the part; the patient had been under the care of a homoeopathist.</p>
182	1854	Married; barren.	25	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Catamenia too copious since her marriage, and constant pain in the back when walking; felt weak. Highly nervous, but not hysterical; suffered from great tenderness of the vagina. Her sister has been long under the care of Dr. —, and has undergone a long course of speculum and caustic treatment, and has been highly pleased with the result. This patient, though urged to consult the same practitioner, and subject herself to the same treatment, refused to do so. <i>Present State.</i>—Hymen imperfectly destroyed; os and cervix uteri in a healthy state; no tendency to disease of any kind; a bougie speedily relieved the inconvenience.</p>

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183	— 1855	Married; five children.	39	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Profuse menstruation during the last two years and a half, and one attack of dangerous uterine hemorrhage, apparently unconnected with pregnancy. Consulted a practitioner, who examined with the speculum, and recommended caustic to be applied every week. Several months under the care of another practitioner, who examined with the speculum but did not apply caustic. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri widely dilated, allowing the finger to pass into the cavity; the anterior part of cervix much thickened; feet swollen; legs weak; cold perspirations.</p>
184	— 1855	Single.	20	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Always hysterical; was about to be married, contrary to her inclination, and was in the country during the summer in her usual health when a practitioner, looking steadfastly at her, said, "I am sure there is something wrong with your womb." Being alarmed, she permitted him to examine her with the speculum, and received the information that the mouth of the womb was ulcerated; she was five weeks under his care, during which time she was cauterized almost daily. On leaving the watering-place where this occurred she was recommended to place herself immediately under the care of Dr. ——. She has been speculumized again, but the ordinary medical attendant stepped in and stopped the cauterizing. <i>Present State.</i>—Gushes of water are now said to take place from the uterus; os healthy and closed.</p>
185	— 1855	Married; several children.	33	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Has had protracted labours from a rigid condition of the os and cervix uteri. About six weeks ago, being four months pregnant, was examined with the speculum; ulceration of the os uteri said to have been discovered, and cauterization employed repeatedly. <i>Present State.</i>—About five months pregnant; in good general health, but in great fear of the pains of labour; os and cervix uteri remarkably indurated; but not more than is often met with in cases where there is tendency to cancer.</p>
186	— 1855	Married; sterile.	39	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Enjoyed good health till the time of her marriage, twelve years ago. Ever since has had profuse discharge, and has never, in fact, been free; catamenia profuse; symptoms aggravated during the last five years; in spite of this, has been gradually becoming stouter; has been examined with the speculum and cauterized without the slightest benefit. <i>Present State.</i>—Os uteri low down; the lips soft and regular; my finger never felt a more healthy os uteri; body of uterus lying backward; an irregular mass of no great size between the uterus and rectum.</p>
187	— 1855	Married; two children.	30	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Adhesion of the placenta in the first confinement, in the extraction of which great force was required; a low intermittent fever followed this. Came to London, and after being</p>

examined, remained five weeks under treatment; did not get well till she abandoned all medicine and medical treatment; again became pregnant, and was safely delivered; fever, weakness, inability to walk, and sense of bearing down followed; consulted another practitioner, who examined with the speculum, and said the uterus was out of its place and congested; a few days ago was again examined with the speculum, and ulceration then declared to exist. *Present State*.—Os uteri red, but no ulceration.

Previous History.—In good health nine months ago. Went out in a boat and was seized with violent sea-sickness, which was followed soon after by uterine hemorrhage; this has continued to the present time, and more especially at the monthly periods; no pain. An examination had been made by her medical attendant, and it had been ascertained that there was a tumour about the uterus. *Present State*.—The whole vagina, almost to its orifice, filled with a tumour which feels like the head of a large cauliflower, the root of which grows from the whole circumference of os uteri; speculum employed, but no light derived from it.

Previous History.—Married ten years; weak and languid; violent pain in the limbs and back; has undergone a lengthened course of treatment with the speculum, and is told that the womb is astonishingly improved; still the strength is not much improved; consulted another practitioner, who said that there was no ulceration and no cicatrix, but that there was curvature of the womb, with congestion and considerable prolapse. *Present State*.—Uterus low down, almost at the outlet of the vagina; os and cervix perfectly healthy; body of uterus resting upon the rectum; no curvature or disease of any kind detected.

Previous History.—Five years ago began to complain of “dreadful pain about the lower part of the bowels and back;” catamenia regular. Came to London, and consulted Mr. ———, who examined her with the speculum and applied six leeches to the os uteri; “he said it was something of an ulceration of the uterus;” caustic and scarification followed; all the symptoms aggravated. *Present State*.—Os and cervix uteri greatly swollen and very irregular, and bleeding when touched; whether or not artificially induced was uncertain.

Previous History.—Since the birth of her second child, eighteen months ago, has been weak, lost flesh, and been subject to fainting fits, and has been very nervous. Cough and dyspnea; catamenia regular; leucorrhœa. Consulted Dr. ———, in London, who examined her with the speculum, and said “the womb was ulcerated”—“a very bad case—as bad as any he had ever seen, and that it would require a long time for its cure;” caustic was repeatedly applied, but the pain which followed was so great that the proposed course of treatment was summarily cut short. *Present State*.—Slight irregularity and hardness about the os and cervix, probably the result of the cauterization.

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Married;
sterile.

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1855

189

31
Married;
sterile.

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1855

189

34
Married;
one child.

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1855

190

24
Married;
several
children.

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1855

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No.	Date.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
192	— 1855	Married; sterile.	46	<i>Previous History.</i> —Had, for upwards of twelve months, been suffering from pain about the uterus, and hemorrhage; two months ago consulted Dr. ———, who employed the speculum, which gave such pain that she would never allow it to be used a second time. Nature of disease not recognised; chloroform, chloric ether, bismuth, quinine, taraxacum, &c., prescribed. <i>Present State.</i> —Extensive disorganization of the vagina and uterus from ulcerated carcinoma.
193	— 1855	Married; several children.	26	<i>Previous History.</i> —Has spent seven years in India; had twins two years and a half ago. "In December, 1853, having just aborted, she remained weak for a considerable time after this, consequent on loss of blood then; she complained of great pain in the lower part of the spine, and in the region of the womb, which generally increased at the menstrual periods. After some time I induced her to submit to an examination, and found two large ulcers on the os uteri, one on the anterior, and the other on the posterior lip; the cervix uteri was shortened and thickened, and the os uteri was tilted backwards; her general health was very indifferent, and she had curvature of the spine; the treatment has consisted in the local application of Nit. Argent. in substance and solution, (20 gr. to 3j), and, latterly, the Potassa cum Calce, as I found the other application not to have the desired effect; "the os uteri is in a more natural situation, but she still complains of pain in the lower part of the spine." <i>Present State.</i> —Induration of os uteri, posterior lip completely destroyed; functions of liver and digestive organs greatly deranged.
194	— 1855	Single.	34	<i>Previous History.</i> —"Please to bring your speculum vaginæ with you," said Mr. ———, on requesting a consultation; the patient had been seen repeatedly by Dr. ———, and the speculum used; informed that she had "been often suffering from irritation of the uterus, loss of power in the bladder, pain in the region of the left kidney." Three years ago the urinê had been drawn off with the catheter; catamenia regular; profuse leucorrhœa; nine months ago again examined with the speculum, and no disease discovered; cauterized, but not much. <i>Present State.</i> —Acne on the face; marked hysteria; uterus in the virgin state, and sound; hymen torn up.
195	— 1855	Married; barren.	41	<i>Previous History.</i> —Married twelve years; catamenia regular without much pain; eight years ago there was great discharge; then examined with the speculum, and cauterized; inflammation of the

womb was said to exist; consulted a practitioner who told her, after examination with the speculum, that there was extensive ulceration; caustic was applied twice or thrice every week for a long time; got a little better after this treatment had been continued for a whole year; catamenia have recently ceased, and there has been great leucorrhœa; palpitation of the heart, and faintness and weakness. *Present State*.—Is extremely nervous; lips of os uteri gone; orifice hard and irregular, as after sloughing; cervix hard, body not enlarged.

Previous History.—Hysterical in early life. After the birth of her child, eight years ago, began to suffer from pains in the loins and inability to walk; consulted Dr. —, in London, and was many months under speculum and caustic treatment; leeches were occasionally applied; then consulted Dr. —, and went through another course of similar treatment; then consulted a third physician, who approved of all that had been done, and recourse had once more to the speculum and caustic; no benefit whatever derived from this treatment, though thrice declared to be completely cured. *Present State*.—Is now confined almost constantly to bed; walking produces pain about the loins; an immense mass of fat in the walls of the abdomen; catamenia regular; leucorrhœa; uterus extremely small and remarkably healthy.

Previous History.—One stillborn child and five miscarriages, the last three years ago; ever since has had constant soreness in the lower part of the back, stretching down the limbs, increased by walking and exertion; then occasional bad nervous attacks, with loss of consciousness, during several years; feelings of deep depression before these attacks; has never fallen down in these, and they were, probably hysterical; has undergone a long course of speculum and caustic treatment without the slightest benefit; has had leucorrhœa and uneasiness within the pelvis ever since; some years under the care of a homœopathist. *Present State*.—No displacement of uterus; os irregular; an old fissure on left side; no hardness, no ulceration.

Previous History.—Seven miscarriages; examined with the speculum, three years ago, and treated for ulceration of the uterus, in Ireland; the caustic applied every week, which gave great pain; since has had continual brown discharge, frequent irritation about the bladder; severe pain in the lower part of the back. *Present State*.—General health good; lips and neck of uterus healthy; orifice unusually open; has been recommended to try the waters of Kreuznach.

No.	Date, &c.	Civil Condition.	Age.	Previous Symptoms, Treatment, and State of Uterine Organs.
199	— 1855	Married; several children.	52	<p><i>Previous History.</i>—Resided long in Portugal. Ten years ago was fourteen months under the care of Dr. —, in London, during the whole of which time lay in the horizontal position, had the speculum introduced twice a week, and caustic or leeches applied to the os uteri; about three hundred leeches were used. "Has never had a day's health since this treatment;" five years ago went to Paris and consulted a practitioner who made an examination of the uterus, and said, "Your health is very much injured; do everything to strengthen your constitution, and I beg of you to undergo no treatment similar to what has been pursued in England;" has since suffered from derangement of the liver; this day week consulted Dr. —, in London, who examined with the speculum, and said, "he discovered with it a local inflammation," and prescribed a solution of acetate of lead, and begged her to repeat her visit in a week, when the speculum was again introduced and caustic applied. <i>Present State.</i>—Lips of uterus pale and healthy; no disease of any kind.</p> <p><i>Previous History.</i>—Ill three years; after a miscarriage with great flooding seized with pain in the left side of the hypogastrium; after leeching, cupping, a course of mercury, and lying up six months, the chronic inflammation on the left side gradually subsided, but the pain continued, and the general health greatly impaired; then consulted a homœopathist, who said the womb was displaced; means employed for this purpose not known; soon after this, pregnancy took place, and the labour at the full period lasted forty-eight hours; took chloroform, which did not agree with her; since delivery has been subject to attacks of spasm "in the womb, like labour pains," and unable to walk; has undergone a long course of speculum and caustic treatment for ulceration at a fashionable watering-place on the east coast of England. <i>Present State.</i>—Uterus healthy.</p> <p><i>Previous History.</i>—Returned to England after residing several years in India, where the health was greatly injured; went to Scotland, where she was some time under speculum and caustic treatment "for ulceration of the womb," from which no benefit was derived; then came to London, where she consulted Dr. —, and went through another course of speculumizing, cauterizing, leeching, and scarifying; returned to India, where her health again suffered; the catamenia have been regular to the present time, but the abdomen has been gradually enlarging, and she has had many of the symptoms of pregnancy. <i>Present State.</i>—An enormous deposit of fat in the parietes of the abdomen; lips of os uteri gone; the organ small, as in sterility.</p>
200	— 1855	Married; several children.	27	
201	— 1855	Married; sterile.	38	

202	Burton Ward, St. George's Hospital; 1854, 1855.	Married.	43	After symptoms of gonorrhœa; speculum and caustic employed twice a week during two months; discharge not diminished; no advantage, real or imaginary; uterus perfectly natural; no cicatrix.
203	— St. George's Hospital.	Single.	22	After symptoms of hysteria and leucorrhœa; a course of speculum and caustic treatment; hysteria aggravated; discharge unchecked; uterus in a perfectly natural state; no ulcer and no cicatrix.
204	— St. George's Hospital.	Single.	20	After hysteria and great flatulence, twice examined with the speculum; much hemorrhage and pain were the result; uterus perfectly healthy.
205	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	33	After hysteria and general ill health, a course of speculum and caustic treatment; great aggravation of all the symptoms; all the uterine organs healthy.
206	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	49	After slight leucorrhœa and pain, a course of speculum and scarification; acute inflammation followed; uterine organs perfectly healthy.
207	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	28	After slight leucorrhœa, course of speculum and caustic treatment for eight months; abortion in five months after last operation; uterus in the natural condition.
208	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	33	After leucorrhœa and sanguineous discharge, speculum used; no result; slight swelling of os and body of uterus.
209	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	40	After leucorrhœa and general debility, speculum and caustic for six months; apparent benefit derived; slight tumefaction of os uteri; no ulceration.
210	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	31	After hysteria and pains about pelvis, speculum and caustic frequently employed for a long period; aggravation of hysterical symptoms; no amelioration whatever; slight hardness and irregularity of os uteri; not malignant.
211	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	39	Pains about pelvis; speculum and scarificator used; no advantage supposed to have been derived; slight induration of os and cervix uteri.
212	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	36	Pain in back and sanguineous discharge; speculum and caustic for six months; apparent temporary advantage; hardness and swelling of back part of cervix.

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213	1854, 1855. — St. George's Hospital.	Married.	33	After uneasiness, hemorrhage, and other symptoms of organic disease of uterus, speculum and caustic repeatedly used; great aggravation of all the symptoms; tumour within the uterus, probably fibrous.
214	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	44	Ovarian tumour; os uteri so high up as not to be reached; speculum employed; no effect.
215	— St. George's Hospital.	Single.	29	Soft vascular growths of doubtful character protruding from os uteri; after detection of tumour, speculum and caustic every second morning for five months; disease advanced considerably during treatment, and ceased to enlarge when abandoned.
216	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	55	After detection of small protrusions, caustic applied through speculum with considerable apparent advantage.
217	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	42	Malignant tumour attached to os uteri; during last year, weekly application of caustic through the speculum to tumour; great injury produced.
218	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	52	Cancer of os and cervix uteri; examined with speculum soon after the commencement of the disease; much pain and hemorrhage produced.
219	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	40	Cancer of os and cervix uteri; examined with speculum in last stage of disease; great pain and hemorrhage.
220	— St. George's Hospital.	Married.	52	Examined with speculum in the advanced stage of cancer of anterior wall of vagina; constant vomiting, and death followed.

NOTE.—The names of all the patients referred to in the preceding table, with the specific dates, were contained in the paper, when presented through the President to the Society.